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Public trust in Blair unshaken, says poll

Most Tories are dissatisfied with Hague as leader

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WILLIAM HAGUE faces a crisis of confidence in his leadership. The latest MORI poll for The Times shows that more than a half of Tory supporters are dissatisfied with his performance, far worse than John Major ever experienced at the low point of his premiership.

To add to Tory frustrations, the poll shows that Tony Blair has shrugged off the recent row over Bernie Ecclestone's El million donation to Labour with barely a scratch. Despite going through by far the worst few weeks since winning the

election, Labour's rating has slipped only fractionally from its previous record levels, down from 60 to 56 per cent in the past month. The Tories are unchanged on their post-election low of 24 per cent, while the Liberal Democrats have recovered

from 12 to 16 per cent.

The poll shows that public trust in Mr Blair and Labour is unshaken, while Mr Hague has failed even to start rebuilding confidence in the Tory party under his leadership. The interviews were undertaken. Tories' poor results in the Winchester and Beckenham by elections and the row over the departure from the

party of Peter Temple-Morris. The depressing news for Mr Hague in the poll comes as Mir Major warms against any further lurch by the Tories to the right. While he was careful not to criticise Mr Hague publicly, Mr Major's comments will stimulate and highlight the debate about his succes-

sor's leadership.

As many as 53 per cent of even the reduced band of Tory supporters say they are dissairshed with the way that Mr. Hague is doing his job as Conservative leader and just 29 per cent as satisfied. The net balance of minus 24 points of minus 24 points compares with



plus four points last month.

By contrast, Mr Blair has a net approval rating of plus 80 points among Labour supporters, down from a peak of plus 85 points at the end of October. Among the public as a whole, Mr Hague's net approval rating is now minus 34 points, compared with plus 50 points for

Mr. Hague's rating is lowersmong men than women, among the middle-aged and old rather than the young and among homeowners rather than council. tenants. There is, however, little difference across social classes.

A worrying feature for Mr Hague is that Mr Major always had a positive approval rating among. Tory supporters, often a large one. This was true even in 1994 and 1995 when more than two-thirds of the public were dissatisfied with his performance as Prime Minister.

Tory supporters have a far more

favourable view of Mr Blair than they do of their own leader. They are satisfied with his performance as

Prime Minister by a 45 to 42 per cent inargin, a net balance of plus three points, against minus 24 points for Mr Hague. The Tory leader's raings are now by far the lowest for any party leader among his own

supporters.

Mr Hague is suffering from a widespread public impression that the Tory party is divided, extreme and is ineffectively led. Mr Hague's far-reaching proposals to stream-line the Tory organisation have so far failed to make any impact. In an interview with CNN last night Mr Major said: "I think there's a morsel of truth in the fact

that the Conservative Party has become a little too ideological. But we aren't by history and by instinct an ideological party. The Conservative Party is a centre-right party. I think that some people did see the possibility of making it slightly more ideological. I don't believe that would work."

Mr Blair and Labour have suffered little from the Ecclestone affair, as shown both by voting intentions and by the relatively small drop in its approval ratings. A majority of the public is still satisfied with the way that the Government is running the country. though there has been a larger rise in dissatisfaction. The Government's net approval rating has dropped from 33 to 24 points.

The gainers are the Liberal Democrats who benefitted from their strong showing at Winchester. MORI interviewed a representa-tive quota sample of 1,879 adults at 170 sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on Novmeber 21 to 24. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (8 per cent). are undecided (5 per cent), or who refused to name a party.

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Echo of the Sixties: 4,000 students marched through central London yesterday to a Hyde Park rally protesting over the cutting of grants and the imposition of university fees. Report, page 6

£10 extra fine to pay for speed cameras

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

SPEEDING drivers caught by roadside cameras will soon have to pay £10 on top of their fines to meet police costs in running the system.

Ministers are ready to let forces add the levy to the fixed £40 penalty, so answering police complaints that they cannot afford to maintain the existing 2,000 cameras - and that seven in eight are out of use. To economise, some forces have removed film or raised the "trigger" speed to

catch only the worst offenders. The levy would cover the £30,000 needed to buy and install a camera and its E8,000-a-year maintenance, £10 giving forces an estimated £2 million annual income.

A camera in a busy urban area is estimated to trigger about 500 fixed penalties a year, so £10 would generate about £5.000 towards costs. However, senior officers believe the number of fines would increase markedly with better camera maintenance.

Ministers are adamant that any levy must be used for financing cameras, and not be seen as extra force funds.

The Treasury has previously resisted calls by the Association of Chief Police Officers to allow police to retain £8 million of fines, claiming that it would set a dangerous precedent within Government for fines to be used for specific causes. The addition of a levy would protect the Treasury from other departmental demands to retain fines.

Traditionally, fines for offences that can be heard in court are paid into central government coffers. However, local authorities are now allowed to keep revenue from fixed-penalty parking tickets. The cameras also catch drivers who jump lights, block

box junctions or make illegal

Charles, actually

Spencer fortune 'tied to estate'

Lawyers for Earl Spencer pleaded poverty on his behalf as he fought his estranged wife's claim for a £3.75 million divorce settlement in a Cape Town court.

The Earl's family fortune is estimated at £100 million, but his counsel argued that all the money was tied up in his ancestral home _____Page 3

Aids toll rises

Every day about 16,000 new ms are infected with HIV, the Aids virus, and by the turn of the century about 40 million people will carry it, the UN says Page 13.

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Anti-hunting Bill backed by two out of three voters

BY PETER RIDDELL

MORE than two thirds of the public back the Bill to ban hunting with dogs, which will be debated by the Commons tomorrow, according to a MORI poll for The Times. The private member's Bill.

sponsored by Michael Foster, the Labour MP for Worcester. will receive a big majority at its second reading, but is highly unlikely to become law in the current session of parliament because of procedural

obstacles. Three-fifths of the public believes that the Government should make extra time avail-able to enable the Bill to go through, something it is reluctant to do. However, the poll's finding will add to the pressure on the Government to make clear that it will back an

anti-hunting move later. There were growing indica-tions last night that it will allow an amendment to outlaw hunting during the passage of a criminal justice Bill

during the next session. . The keenest Foster Bill sup-porters will use the MORI poll to make a last appeal to the Government to help it through. Half the Tory supporters believed that more time should not be given.

The poll shows that the Bill



but he slowed down to answer questions for the MORI poil"

is backed by four-fifths of Labour supporters, two-thirds of Liberal Democrats and nearly a half of Tories. Support is highest in London, the north-west, Yorkshire and

Scotland and lowest in the East Midlands. There is, however, a gender gap: three-quarters of women back the Bill but only two-thirds of men. Support is highest among young people,

falling from 73 per cent among 18-to-24 year olds to 62 per cent among those aged over 55. Country sports supporters and anti-hunt campaigners are both to begin 24-hour vigils in Westminster this afternoon. Hundreds will camp on the steps of the Queen Elizabeth II. Conference Centre as representatives of those who claim that their jobs, lifestyle or liberty are threatened by the Bill.

MORI interviewed 1.873

between November 21 and 24. Minister's hint, page 7

Conservatives give Bell anti-sleaze job

BY ANDREW PIERCY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN BELL the war correspondent turned MP, yester-day won a place on the House of Commons anti-sleaze committee after securing a surprise nomination from the

Mr Bell abandoned his BBC career to stand against Neil Hamilton in Tatton at the general election, ensuring that the first half of the campaign was dominated by sleaze.

But the Tory Party high command under Mr Hague. having publicly disowned Mr Hamilton, is in a forgiving mood and yesterday nominat-ed Mr Bell to join the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee.

Mr Beli will take the place of Ann Widdecombe, the former Prisons Minister, who resigned last week in protest at the committee's refusal to cross-examine Mr Hamilton and Mohamed Al Fayed, his principal accuser, in the cash-for- questions affair.

The MP for Tatton had raised with Ann Taylor, the Leader of the Commons, the prospect of joining the committee but the discussions reached no conclusions. The Tory leadership exploited Labour's delay in deciding whether Mr Bell could join the committee to name him as

their candidate. A Tory spokesman said:
"Our feeling in appointing Mr
Bell is that the committee
would benefit from an independent voice to ensure that standards in Parliament are maintained."

Mr Bell, who championed Mr Hamilton's cause when he complained he had not been given a right of appeal by the committee, said: "It's very flattering, albeit surprising that it is a Tory invitation. I have joined by an unorthodox route. But I am delighted to be there by whatver route. I just hope I can fill the gap left by



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Let children take some risks, pleads head

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR .

A GENERATION of timid parents is stifling the sense of adventure in Britain's children and leaving them unable to assess risks for themselves, an independent school headmistress said vesterday.

Jacqueline Lang, Headmistress of Walthamstow Hall, in Sevenoaks, Kent, used her presidential address to the Girls' Schools Association to appeal for teenagers to be let off the leash.

"If drink and drugs and dodgy sex and driving too fast are the only ways left to satisfy a natural urge to be daring, we shall have done young people a grave

disservice." Mrs Lang, whose two daughters were in the audience at the association's conference in Bristol. association's conference in bristor, recalled when children were left to go out to play and simply "muck around".

Now, however, some girls in her school. did not own a raincoat because they were ferried everywhere by car.

"The 'worst-case scenario' approach is affecting our children." Mrs Lang said. "They are hedged about by our fears because we dare not countenance any risk." Mrs Lang said parents "ran themselves ragged" to fill in every hour with organised activities because they dared not allow their children to catch a bus or go into town or the

ends were often taken up with the "culture of caution, Mrs Lang added." There is a climate of blame and

crimes and incidents such as the Dunblane massacre had produced the climate of fear that had led to the "excessive cocooning" of young people, Mrs Lang said. "I don't know what the answer is to this all-pervading fear and insecurity, but the dangers are exaggerated and we might ease up a bit and allow children more freedom to take risks ... We may be rearing a generation who are incapable of as-

theme park. Vivid media coverage of violent

sessing a risk for themselves and

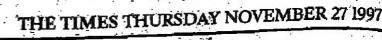
taking it if it's worth it." Schools were being drawn into the

"There is a climate of blame and shame, and schools are terrified of

putting a foot wrong."

Mrs Lang said she often walked home at night from her local station. "I suppose I am running a risk, but I am not prepared to have my life circumscribed by lear.

Her daughters, Antonia, 28, and Harriet, 30, said they were grateful for a London upbringing that mixed freedom with firm guidelines. Antonia said: "We were allowed, within limits, to take certain risks and we made our own way to and from school."



Redwood's ungallant words sour proud victory



The Countess of Mar. a redoubtable campaigner

ings at the Savoy Hotel in London yesterday, MPs and journalists gathered to dine. and merrily to toast the winners of the Parliamentarian of the Year awards, hosted by The Spectator and Highland

I was one of the judges. This Parliament has yet to find its feet. It is a scratchy place, where ministers attend only reluctantly, Labour backbenchers seem unsure of any role beyond bleating their leader's praises, Liberal Democrats have still to decide whether they are part of the Opposition at all and the Tories are in a mess.

An easy choice for the

ing in the Lords on the poisoning of farmers and soldiers by organophosphates began as a lonely affair. Before it was fashionable to bother, Lady Mar became

The countess inherits a title established in 1115. But this was no grande dame - it is usually the life peeresses who dames. Lady Mar seemed unshowy, even shy, but convinced of her cause. She received her award unfussily. Gordon Brown, Parliamentarian of the Year, took the occasion in his stride, aware, no doubt, why it was given. When the Chancellor stood



Trade, Margaret Beckett, over

liamentary truancy.

energetic shin kicker.

what Tories consider her par-

I do not know whether his

criticisms have been fair, but

politics is a rough old game, and Redwood has proved an

But yesterday was an occa-

sion for generosity. He had, after all, won, He had forced

Lord Simon to relinquish his

shareholdings early; he has

embarrassed Mrs Beckett;

Mr Redwood chose the

and now he was being recog

nised for his efforts.

month ago, Labour were in trouble over the single currency. By the time he sat down it was the Tories who were on

They still are, If you want to done worse than listen to their Industry spokesman, John Redwood, receive his award esterday. Chosen for his had stood out (we all agreed) for his dogged pursuit of a minister, Lord Simon, over

- and then to take a swipe at Mrs Beckett.

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It is hard to explain why this was so inappropriate, but if you had been there, you soo would have felt it. British politics relies on few written rules but an invisible web of unspoken understandings: These were shared for instance) by Militant-sympathising Dave Nellist, a hardcore rebel Labour MP who arrived at the Savov lo receive his award some years ago wearing an old green anorak (nobody cared about that) but made a graceful

speech of acceptance (people do care about that). Nellist

rafter personal attack on you had been at the Savoy.

Lord Simon, a respected man Mr Redwood did not This

was an occasion to say thankyou, raise a glass or two of Highland Park, and perhaps to make clear that his campaigns were not intended

In a room containing more than its complement of conwomen, this Tory jarred hor-ribly. He just didn't get it. He didn't even know he hadn't got it. We actually began to feel sorry for him.

This was a failure not of reason, but of grace. The occasion provided a metaphor for the state the Conservative Party is now in.

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by speed

fine trick

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received complaints that driv-

ers were receiving fines for

road noting registration numbers and company details.

Most of the victims are

company drivers from London

and the South East but others

come from South Wales and

Lancashire. Police believe

businesses are targeted

IRA gang may face lifetime prison sentence

By RICHARD FORD AND MARTIN FLETCHER

FOUR IRA terrorists arrested after the six-day Balcombe Street siege should spend the rest of the lives in jail, Home Office officials have recom-

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is now considering if they should join Myra Hindley and 23 other criminals who will die in jail. Mr Straw is under pressure to minimum term to be served for deterrence and retribution - hecause, until it is set, the

Republic cannot be processed Martin O'Connell, 46, Eddie Butler, 48, Harry Duggan, 45, and Hugh Doherty, 47, have served 20 years of life sentences imposed in 1977 for a series of terrorist murders, bomb and gun attacks in London during an IRA mainland bombing campaign in

the early 1970s. At the end of their Old Bailey trial for the murder of Ross McWhirter and cancer. specialist Gordon Hamilton Fairley, the judge recommended that they should not be freed for at least 30 years However, no minimum term

was set officially. Even if Mr Straw decided against a whole life tartif, he is unlikely in the current police ical climate to be prepared to give a tariff any lower than the 30 years suggested by the trial

judge.
The four men, who are in Whitemoor and Frankland prisons, are among 24 IRA prisoners in jail in England and Wales. Sinn Fein said that 19 are convicted and six are on

because accounts departments are less likely to query claims. A Scotland Yard spokesman said the coloured tickets were extremely convincing and ap-pealed for other victims to come forward. The documents instruct recipients to send fines to an address in Wood Republic.

> Irish Cabinet agreed to rush ..., through legislation by the end of the year to ensure that 35 years would not serve lesser sentences as a result of repatriation. The present maximum in the Irish Republic is 20 years and many of those seeking transfers are serving

Senior judges may lose their long holidays

THE Lord Chancellor is to look at the working hours of traditional legal year with its long summer vacation should

No proposals have yet been made, but it is understood that ministers are keen to look at days — the days in court sat by

High Court judges.
The 93 High Court judges are expected to sit 189 days a year although in recent years meant that many of them sit more often. That would including sitting during the legal vacations.

The move coincides with a proposal last week from Margaret Hodge, chairman of Labour's education committee. She has put forward a plan under which the long school summer holiday would be scrapped and the holiday of teachers cut to five or six

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department confirmed yesterday that the question of High Court judges' sitting days had been raised. "It is a subject that would

discussions between the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor," she said, but emphasised that "no propos-

als have been made The spokesman added that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, and Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, met regularly and that "one of the mair subjects of discussion would be the management of High Court business".

The legal year is divided into three terms, roughly equivalent to the academic year, with a two-month sum-

Courts sit from 10am to lunchbreak. But time spent in court is only one part of their job, and judges do increasing amounts of out-of-hours work. both before and after courts sit as well as at weekends and in the vacation. They have to read the papers concerning

The 93 High Court judges, whose salary from Monday rises to £112.01, are likely to resist any moves to increase the expected number of their

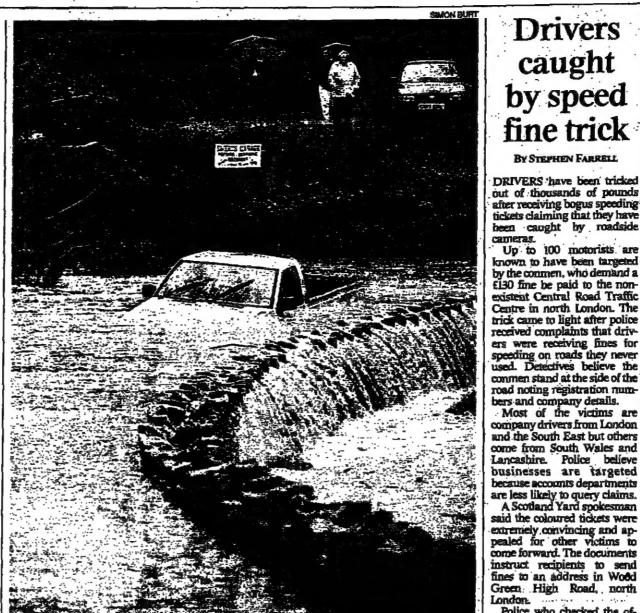
throughout the summer vacation and High Court judges also have to spend several

weeks a year out on circuit. Five years ago the Government set up an inquiry into judges' productivity and working hours after the former Lord Chief Justice, the late Lord Taylor of Gosforth. called for more High Court judges to reduce the "deplorable" delays.

The result was an increase in judicial manpower with ten more High Court judges ap-

The Government is likely to run into the problem that any move which lessens the already diminishing attraction for top barristers and solici-tors of being a High Court judge could cause recruitment difficulties.

Crown Court judges, who are being mentioned, have already had to increase the number of days they sit to keep on top of the rising flow of criminal cases. In 1995 they sat a record 87,000 days, which was 6,000 more than



A truck marooned on a bridge in Polgooth, near St Anstell, Cornwall, where

generations of a family massacred in Egypt last week has been postponed after it was

Egyptian authorities.
The remains of Joan
Turner, who died with her

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Egypt sends wrong body home

discovered that a wrong body had been returned by the

five-year-old grand-daughter Shaunnah Turner and her

NEWS IN BRIEF

Children's

food spiked Police have been called to a Manchester children's hospital after patients were served meals adulterated with glass,

metal, chewing gum and Blu-tack. They will check each stage of the food's preparation to see if the objects were

Staff at Booth Hall Hospital, in Blackley, north Manchester, have found contaminated food in eight meals over the past six weeks. In

some cases the objects were

A girl who suffered severe

brain damage when her father crashed his car in 1990 was awarded ELS5 million in

compensation by the High Court in London, Corinna

Green, 15, of Stratford-upon-

Avon, who needs constant care, made the claim against

Belfast bus strike

Bus drivers in Belfast staged a ightning strike after a driver

was severely burnt by a petrol bomb thrown into his bus during loyalist rioting on Toesday night. The drivers also refused to travel along

the Shankill and Crumlin roads after 6.30pm until their safety was guaranteed.

Witness cleared Charges of attempting to pervert the course of justice against Christopher Vincent, the key witness in the football

match fixing trial, have been

dropped. A judge at Winches-ter Crown Court was told that the Crown would offer no evidence after the case had

her father's insurers.

spotted by patients' parents.

Crash payout

Luxor terrorist attack, are believed to have been confused with a woman from Switzerland and are now thought to be in Zurich.

coroner for Calderdale stepped in. He said: "All the bodies

were positively identified by a member of the family. In the light of some of the injuries. identification was difficult. We then received information from Zurich that a body there

yesterday after James could not be identified."

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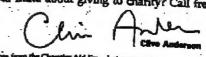
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All but one of the convicted men have applied to be transferred to serve their sentences

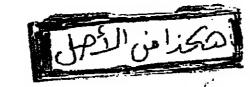
near to the families: Only one will return to Northern Ire-land with the remainder seeking to return to jail in the Irish Last week, in a move to facilitate further transfers, the

sentences of 25 years or more.

Prisoners are an extremely emotive issue for republicans. Sinn Fein has been agitating for their repatriation and release since the IRA ceasefire began on July 20, and their fate dominated a Sinn Fein rally in Belfast's Europa Hotel

Spencer fortune

'tied up in estate



may fall lifetime prison

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scorned. The women, who have openly confessed to having affairs selfish, callous and mean.

furious that they have attacked him in British newspapers, particularly Chantal Collopy who is due to give evidence against him in what has

as an expert witness by Earl Spencer, said of the El million income: "It's not earned income. It derives from historic assets. The husband does not have to go out and earn an Lawyers for his wife. Vie-

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

toria, said that she would demand that the earl named in court the women with whom he had allegedly had affairs during their marriage. In addition, Countess Spencer is insisting that he gives specific dates for when he had sex with three women named in her divorce petition: the writer Sally Ann Lasson, his current companion, South African model Josie Borain, and fashion designer Chantal Collopy, who is to give evi-dence for Lady Spencer.

Lady Spencer, dressed in a navy blue jacket and red knee



LAWYERS for Earl Spencer Mostyn, a lawyer introduced

pleaded poverty on his behalf yesterday as he fought his

estranged wife's claim for a /E3.75 million divorce settle-

ment in a Cape Town court :

His family fortune is esti-mated at £100 million, his

personal fortune is said to be.

worth £6 million and he has

an annual filmillion a year

income, but his counsel ar-

gued that all his money was

tied up in his ancestral home,

Althorp in Northamptonshire,

where his sister, Diana, Princess of Wales, is buried. The

rest is in offshore and London.

17 when lawyers said that the

Earl owned only two houses in

South Africa, their contents, a couple of trucks and a

Mercedes, which was why he

could only afford to offer the

mother of his four children a

There was laughter in Court

family trusts.

The earl's fortune is said to be tied up in Althorp

enjoying the legal jousts on the third day of the hearing. By contrast the earl, in a dark suit, looked morose as he sat at the opposite end of a bench.

Claims about his poverty because of inheritance tax and the expense of catering for a large number of visitors to Althorp were scomed by Jeremy Posnansky, QC, who told the court: It is suprisingly common that when a divorce court approaches, a husband's businesses go down".

Lady Spencer is seeking either £3.75 million lump sum or £5,000 a month for each of their children. Her lawyers said that she needed a house in London and another in Northamptonshire, where she wanted her children to attend school. Viscount Louis would eventually go to Eton and the girls would become dayboarders at Rugby public school, 14 miles from Althorp.

Her barrister, Jeremy Gauntiett, told the court that she might choose to buy a pied-d-terre in London and a not so nice" house in Northamptonshire with any settlement money. Lady Spencer, 32, is also suing the firm of solicitors appointed for her by Earl Spencer in the early stages of the divorce for alleged breach of contract.

Earl Spencer, 33, was yesterday fighting a second legal battle in Cape Town in an



Lady Spencer outside court yesterday. She wants a home in London and another in Northamptonshire

papers publishing lurid de-tails disclosed in court about his private life. He said their six-year-old daughter. Kitty. had been distressed by posters advertising the reports in The Cape Times.

Earl Spencer claims publication of the details would upset his children. In his affidavit to the court, the earl said: The reporting of both The Cape Times and the Cape Argus newspapers thus far have concentrated on my alleged matrimonial misconduct and has also dealt with certain aspects of my wife's mental and physical health. [This] reporting is not in the

children. In particular our eldest daughter. Kitry, who attends a primary school in

During the past weekend I spoke to Kitty and asked her whether she knew was happening. She said she knew that we were the process of divorcing. When I asked her how she knew about this, she told me that all her friends at school were talking about the matter. I should mention that Kitty is able to read and that The Cape Time posters referring to Spencer's other women were displayed on many lampposts in the city, including those

local papers from reporting evidence given in divorce hearings. Local newspaper editors claim this is a nonsense when British and other international newspapers, which are freely on sale in South Africa, can publish evidence without hindrance.

Last night a High Court judge in Cape Town adjourned the interdict hearing brought by Earl Spencer against the two newspapers until Saturday. Lawyers for the newspapers agreed that their publications would undertake not to publish any ceedings until after a ruling at



Former mistresses vent their spleen in the press

By DANIEL McGRORY

EARL SPENCER had his reputation savaged yesterday by two former mistresses whom he court next week. with him, accused him of being

Earl Spencer is understood to be

PC shot at

his own car

'to be liked'

BY TIM JONES

A POLICE constable blasted

his own patrol car with a sawn-off shotgun because he

was depressed and wanted to be liked by his colleagues, a

Michael Taylor, an officer

with the Dorset force, provoked a £14,000 police anti-

terrorist response when he radioed in to say he was being

attacket in July last year. At Dorchester Crown Court,

Taylor, 41, a father of three,

admitted possessing a shot-gun while committing an of-tence, shortening the barrel of the gun and possessing a

weapon without a firearms

near Dorchester, was placed on probation for two years

after Judge John Beashel had

Taylor, of Broadmayne,

court heard yesterday.

divorce hearing in Cape Town. He says he is determined to refute the slurs when he gives evidence in

Mrs Collopy, 37, accuses the brother of Diana, Princess of Wales of ruining her life. "Once he had won me over, he dumped me," she said. "It was as if, having got what he wanted; he just lost interest."

Sally Ann Lasson, who admits to an affair with Earl Spencer in 1990. criticised him for not agreeing to his estranged wife's financial de-mands which, she says, he can well

afford. "If he just made a small withdrawal from his petty cash box all this unpleasantness would be over. And for someone who drones on with such dreary regularity about media intrusion you would think it cheap at the price," she writes in an article for the London Evening Standard.

Miss Lasson said that the sight of his wife and jilted mistress Mrs. Collopy sitting together in the Cape Town courthouse was sweet justice. She praises both women for their stand, and says: The only way to get any justice against such an adversary is for the sisters to do it She describes the earl as the sort

of man who makes women unite ainst him. "One must ask oneself what exactly it is that he does to women that sends them ... into each other's arms? The only mystifying thing about this court case isn't the sight of Victoria Spencer and Chantal Collopy united together but that Earl Spencer ever attracted women of this calibre in the first place. And, having attract-

ed them, so singularly failed to realise his good fortune and held onto them.

Both women praise Lady Spencer's physical recovery and cast her as the victim in this legal drama. Mrs Collopy, who has two children, said: "I'd always thought Victoria was the cause of the marriage problems. After he dumped me 1 realised that, like me, Victoria was also a victim."

She leaked a damning letter to Lady Spencer written by the earl admitting to his bullying of the

former model. British legal experts believe that if the countess does have her divorce petition heard in Britain she could easily double the £3.5 million settlement she is seeking.

Ann-Marie Hutchinson, a family law specialist with experience of South African divorce courts, said: "I know for a fact that she would get a much better deal here in terms of property and capital. I would think she could come away with £5 million to £7 million for herself — plus maintenance for the children."

Prostitute murders may be work of one man

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

POLICE investigating the latest murder of a prostitute in Glasgow have not ruled out the possiblity that a serial killer may be responsible.

Tracy Wylde, 21, a single mother, was found dead by friends at 5_30am on Monday. She is the sixth prostitute to be murdered in the city since

Detective Chief Inspector John Sherry, who is leading the murder inquiry, said: With the history of murdered prostitutes in Strathclyde we are investigating the possibili-ty of a link. However, at the moment there is nothing to suggest a serial killer is at work."

Ms Wylde, a drug user, was last seen alive at 3.05am at a drugs crisis centre in West Street, Glasgow. An hour ear-lier she had been seen leaving a dark blue Ford Escort with a smartly dressed man, aged 20-30, and walking to her topfloor flat in the Barmulloch area. The man was medium build, 5ft 9in, clean shaven with short, light brown hair, wearing dark clothes.

She did not knock on her neighbour's front door to alert her she was home. This was her only security measure. It is thought she was strangled or suffocated. Her mother said yesterday she had no idea that her daughter was a prostitute and appealed for more witnesses.

Neighbours described Ms Wylde as a well dressed, friendly young woman who lived for her two-year-old daughter. Police said she had regular clients and appealed to them to come forward before they were contacted.
It is thought she may have

worked to pay for her drug habit. Detectives also want to interview a woman who fought with Ms Wylde outside her home on the evening she was killed.

Sources on the street said that Ms Wylde had worked as a prostitute for only a short time, possibly a few months. They said that many young women turned to prostitution at this time of year to pay for their children's Christmas

QC stopped by police refused a breath test he had been stopped after driving properly. The police

ONE of Britain's top criminal barristers was yesterday banned from driving for refusing to give a breath test to police. John Charles Rees, QC. who was paid more than £350,000 last year in legal aid. fees alone, was followed at speed by a police van into the drive of his home.

Rees, 48, a figure well: known in Cardiff legal circles, had been drinking at his local pub just 600 yards from his home when he drove back in his blue Jaguar. A police van spotted his car straddling the centre line às he drove along a country road at 11.40pm.

Nia James, for the prosecu-tion, said the police van switched on its blue warming light and flashed its headlights for Rees to stop. "Mr Rees failed to stop and was followed until he stopped at his house." Constable Steven Atkinson

seen evidence which showed he had been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder at the time caused by attending road traffic accidents in approached Rees outside his eight-bedroom house at Old St Mellons, near Cardiff, after he volving chidren. stepped out of his car. The offi-Richard Onslow, for the prosecution, told the court cer said Mr Rees was unsteady on his feet. The officer He said his motives had been could smell intoxicants on Mr Rees's breath and his speech



Rees: he had been drinking at his local

had a couple of drinks down the road in the Fox."

PC Atkinson said he had reason to believe he had alcohol on his breath and Mr Rees replied: "Is this necessary?" Magistrates at Barry, Glamorgan, were told he refused "two or three times" to take the breath test. At one stage Rees said, "No, no I will not", when asked to take the

was slurred. Miss James said Rees said to the officer: "I've

breathalyser test.
Russell Jenkins, for the defence, told the court: "Mr Rees

"He has been driving for 30 vears and has never been in this situation before. He has never had an accident. A con-

viction is a matter he takes very seriously. It is a very sub-stantial punishment because he travels many miles around the country.'
Rees admitted failing to provide a specimen of breath for analysis on November 20. He was fined £800 with £30 costs and was disqualified

front of his house.

pay. Elizabeth Parkinson, chairman of the magistrates, told Rees: "We have given you credit for pleading guilty." Mr Rees is listed among the top eight barristers in Britain on their earnings for criminal legal aid work. He was one of four barristers earning be-tween £350,000 and £399,000

from legal aid in the 1995-96 financial year. The figures were given in a letter from the Lord Chancel-lor's Department to a Labour had been drinking and was MP after questions about the indignant and angry because



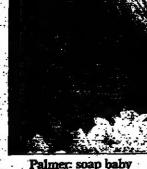
EastEnders abortion upsets viewers

TELEVISION viewers protested to spina bifida charities resterday after a character in EastEnders chose to have an abortion on discovering her unborn baby had the disease.

Viewers and charity representatives said the BBC1 soap opera had presented a bleak and negative picture of the birth defect which affects one in 1,000 pregnancies in the UK each year.

In an episode of East-Enders screened on Tuesday night, an estimated 15 million viewers saw Bianca Butcher, played by Patsy Palmer, de-cide to abort her baby after an ante-natal scan showed the child was severely physically and mentally handicapped.

Tony Britton, a spokesman for the Association for Spina



Palmer: soap baby had spina bifida

Bifida and Hydrocephalus, said about 40 callers telephoned to complain about the way the programme treated the subject. The callers, many of whom were carers for children suffering from the seeing a tearful Bianca accept-ing advice from her friends and family that the baby girl would "wreck her life". "Some people have rung us to say the programme was

typically negative about the disease and failed to show the range of options open to parents. Mr Britton said. Children with disabilities can have a very good quality of life and contribute to society when they grow up." The association broadly supported the storyline for raising the

profile of spina bifida. A spokeswoman for the BBC said the programme had provoked "a number of calls - some critical, some supportive". She added: "East-Enders is rooted in reality, and the statistics show that 1,000 parents each year who go through this experience make the same decision as

gramme has earned a reputation for approaching sensitive stories in a responsible way and Ricky and Bianca's experiences were meticulous ly researched." She said the BBC's public information office would provide helpline numbers.

EastEnders also came under fire yesterday from the Broadcasting Standards Commission, which upheld 11 viewers' complaints about "chursy and irritating" sterectypes in three episodes set in Ireland.

After the episodes were broadcast, BBC chiefs apologised immediately and repeatedly to offended viewers and trish people. In its submission to the commis sion, the BBC said it now regretted the "ill-judged"

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on love and loneliness



The new comic for kids

Writers back head on pampered children

Richard Ford and Joanna Bale report on the debate over childhood

WRITERS and children's charities last night lamented the lost freedom of childhood as parents responded to the fear of crime by sheltering youngsters from the real

Authors joined in the debate started yesterday by Jacque line Lang, the headmistress of Walthamstow Hall, who criticised today's parents for being too overprotective towards their children and providing them with too much supervision. Bel Mooney. author of 17 children's books, said: "She is right in being concerned that children are not walking anywhere and are not being exposed to simple things like the weather, which is very strange and perhaps stands for other things that they are also missing out on.

When I was a child I walked everywhere or used public transport. Nowadays children are ferried everywhere by car. You see the chaos outside schools with parents double parking because they cannot even be bothered to park up the road

Many parents are reacting to coverage of child murders and abductions which receive such publicity precisely because they remain a rarity. The latest Home Office crimiWales - which, of course, exclude the Dunblane massaere - show that the number of people under 16 known to have been killed by a stranger for which a suspect had been identified was six in 1977 and 6

Fears over child abduction also alarms many parents. Until 1984 it was known as "child stealing" and between 1973-1984 the figure was be-tween 28-63 of-

fences a year. In 1984, the offence was reclassified as child abduction and included abduction by one parent from another. The figin 1973 though remains unclear whether this was entirely a result of strangers tak-ing children, or

partly of parental abduction arising from breakdown.

Last night Diana Lamp-lugh, of the Suzi Lamplugh Trust, which advises schools on safety, praised the headmistress for her outspoken remarks. She said: "She is much to be congratulated. It is

"We feel very strongly that parents are protecting child-

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ren to such an extent that they don't allow them to understand what is safe and what isn't, Safety has to be internalised and put into.

"It's very hard to let your children do their own thing as much as possible, but if they are not allowed to do this, then it will inevitably lead to

The prize-winning children's author Michael Morpurgo, who also runs farm pro-6 When I jects for inner-city children in was a child Devon and Wales, said: "We I walked. can become very Now they overprotective. are ferried and the more I by car 9 work with children, the more I

> need to see things first hand. On our farms, children have to experience both death and discomfort as well as the joys and

know that they

Children need to get close to things to learn, but there is this clipboard mentality with education where children are given only a brief look at

things."
Mr Morpurgo added:

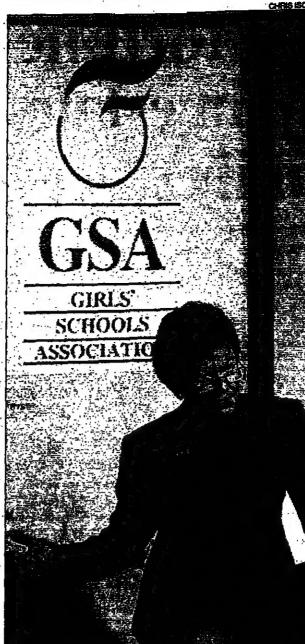
I feel that the end should be tragic, then it is. That's what life is like.

"Children are too often given a virtual-reality world with little contact with reality. It may be what we want to see and hear, but it is not real." The loss of freedom for many children was highlight-

ed by a A Policy Studies Institute survey in the 1990s looked at five different parts of England and compared the results with a similar survey carried out in 1971. In 1971, 80 per cent of English seven and to travel to school on their own or with other children but the figure had dropped to 10 per cent by 1990. Half as many seven and

eight-year-olds were allowed to cross roads on their own compared with 1971. In 1971 53 per cent of English nine-yearolds were allowed to travel independently, by bus compared with 8 per cent by 1990.

Last night, the Children's Society defended modern par-ents. It said that they worried about their children in the world because they felt they threat of drugs and violence. "It is a delicate balance supporting their child's transition to adulthood and ensuring their safety," the society said.



Jacqueline Lang at the Girls' Schools Association

Nurseries

hit by poor

planning

BY DAVID CHARTER

SCHOOLS were yesterday

told by the Government's

spending watchdog to co-operate with playgroups rather

than compete with them for four-year-olds. The Audit Commission said

local education authorities still had much to do to meet

ministers' hopes of a nursery place for every four-year-old by September next year.

Few councils gave a second

thought to private and volun-

they let schools grow to secure

income from nursery vouch-

The Pre-School Learning

Alliance said more than 800

playgroups were forced out of business as parents spent their

£1,100 annual vouchers in expanded school reception classes. Vouchers were

scrapped when the Government came to power in May.

The Audit Commission's re-

view of under-five education,

published yesterday, found a continued lack of planning by

local authorities.

ers, the commission said.

Labour offers peace to private schools

EDUCATION EDITOR

THE Government cemented a rapprochement between Labyesterday, providing £500,000 the state sector and promising not to take action that would threaten their charitable

Standards Minister, told the Girls' Schools Association that the "educational apartheid" created by the divisions between state and private schools diminished the whole system. The Government the abolition of assisted places in independent schools and

forge a new relationship. An advisory group has been appointed, under the chairmanship of Chris Parker, the headmaster of Nottingham High School, to recommend ways in which state and independent schools can work more closely together. The Education Department has matched a £250,000 donation from the businessman Peter Lampl to fund a series of pilot

Ministers' approach to independent education has become a touchstone of new Labour years of the Assisted Places Scheme would be squeezed and the Charity Commission encouraged to withdraw the financial advantages on which many rely for survival. However, Mr Byers' speech

in Bristol - the first by a Labour minister to a senior independent schools' conference - reassured the sector of both counts. He told they headmistresses that the rei maining assisted places would be fully funded, and added that the commissioners were reviewing all charities to as sess their status, a process. which could take several years and which would be "at arm's length from government". But the schools activities ap-peared to justify charitable

Calling for old prejudices to be buried, Mr Byers said: "We old feuds and old hostilities must be put on one side. We

owe that to our children." Jacqueline Lang, the association's president and headmistress of Walthamstow Hall, in Sevenoaks, Kent, said "More than a hatchet, I think a great axe has been buried today. Not only is it the first time a Labour minister has come to our conference, but he is meeting us more than half way and we should be grateful for that."

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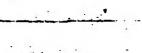
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Navy plucks £20m jumpjet from sea

A carrier crew acted quickly to save a Harrier and the pilot when it ditched into the Mediterranean during night manoeuvres, reports Michael Evans

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THE Royal Navy pulled off a dramatic night-time rescue in he Mediterranean this week when it scooped an RAF pilot and his £20 million Harrier jumpjet out of the sea. The aircraft had ditched into the water off Sardinia as it manoeuvred to land on the carrier HMS Invincible.

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The pilot was flying one of the Harrier ground attack aircraft that joined the carrier at the end of last week as part of the operational air group on standby to move to the Gulf in the event of a decision by the United Nations to mount

strikes against Iraq.
The Harrier GR7, which can operate by day or night, had begun the normal hovering manoeuvre on the port side of HMS Invincible, before flying sideways to touch down on the flight deck, when it dropped into the water. A full emergency was launched. Crash procedures are well rehearsed, although this was the first time that an RAF Harrier operating from a carrier had had to be rescued during a landing. Since 1994, the Navy has

lost four Sea Harriers, two of them last year. One Navy. Harrier ditched into the water in similar circumstances to the RAF aircraft, but was not: recovered. The Navy has 26

active Sea Harriers. During Tuesday night's rescue operation, the Harrier GR7 remained affoat for sev eral minutes without support because the two external fuel tanks were nearly empty and the air inside provided a

degree of buoyancy.
With the Harrier still resting on the surface the pilot. to scramble free and was picked up by one of the carrier's Sea King helicopters from 849 Squadron. However, as the plane began to sink, Captain Roy Clare, command-ing HMS Invincible, launched a special "crash boat" - a rigid inflatable with a glass

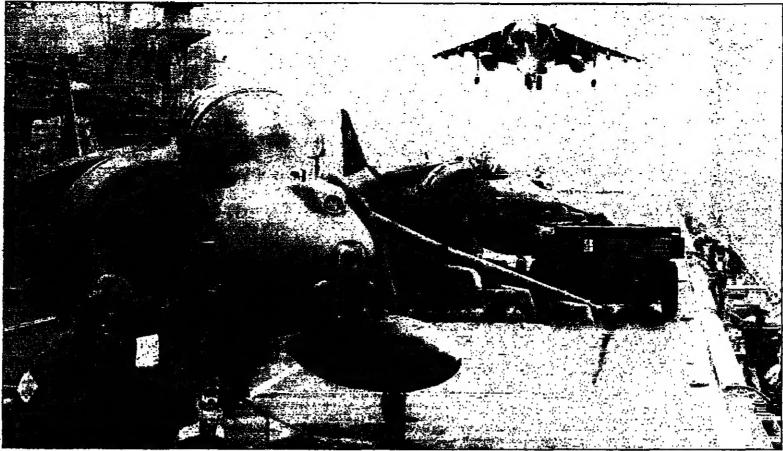
fibre hull and divers on board

- to try to rescue the Harrier. In minutes, the Navy divers succeeded in placing two flota-tion bags underneath the Harrier to keep it on the surface, Lifting "strops", like slings, were placed under the fuselage and eventually connected to a crane on board the carrier. As soon as the aircraft had been lifted to the flight deck, Navy crews hosed it with fresh water to remove all the salt and carried out other emergency measures to avoid the risk of corrosion.

Navy sources said they hoped the Harrier, which had been returning from a training sortie, would not have suffered irreparable damage and that it could be operational again. It was one of seven aircraft sent from No I Squadron, based at Wittering in Cambridgeshire, with one of them acting as a spare.

Although the accident was an embarrassment to the RAF. after the publicity given to the deployment of the Harrier GR7s to Gibraltar, where HMS Invincible was based hast week, the instant rescue was being hailed as a classic operation. Aircraft that ditch. into the sea are sometimes salvaged but are seldom fit for . duty again.
The cost of repairing the

Harrier will depend on the damage assessment made by engineers, a Navy



The Harrier GR7s arriving on HMS Invincible last week. They are on standby to move to the Gulf if the UN orders air strikes against Iraq

spokesmam said. If, after drying out the aircraft, it is discovered that serious damage has been done to the avionics, engine and other parts, it may have to be returned to the manufacturer for a comprehensive rebuild.

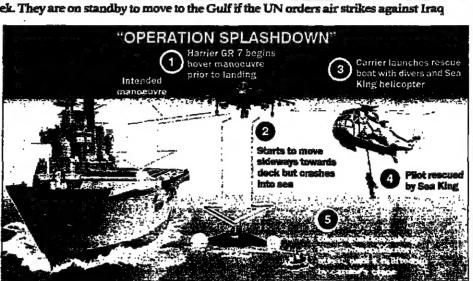
The incident occurred while the carrier was sailing in deep water. If there had been any delay in the rescue the Harrier, which weighs more than 15,000lb, would have sunk to the bottom. Three other Harriers were

airborne at the time, two of which were diverted to Cagliari in Sardinia while the emergency was being dealt with. The fourth aircraft touched down safely on the carrier.

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, who visited HMS Invincible on Monday, praised the efficient rescue operation. "I am delighted that the pilot was unharmed and that the whole incident was dealt with so quickly," he said. A board of inquiry has

been set up. ☐ An RAF engineer has been killed in a mid-air collision between two light aircraft near San Diego, California.

Senior Aircraftman Mark Francis, 27, was on holiday, taking a civilian pilot training programme. He was thought to have been flying solo. Senior Aircraftman Francis, who was single, was based at RAF



New squad will take on illegal immigration racketeers



O'Brien: gangs are o O'Brien: gangs are making vast profits

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BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

up to tackle illegal entry sian mails and Chinese gangs. Its aim is to track down and

Megal immigration has become such a sophistichude forged travel docu-ments, tickets, up to three attempts at being smuggled into Britain, and access to legal advice on the immi-

Mike O'Brien, the Immigration Minister, said: There is increasing evidence that organised crime is behind much of illegal immigration. much of illegal immigration. mafia, Chinese gangs, and Vast profits are being made. It Nigerian criminals were now

A SQUAD of immigration is becoming a big business to officers and police is being set bring people into Britain and bring people into Britain and other European countries."

He told a press conference National Criminal Intellispearhead the operation: There is increasing evidence cated crime that racketeers that criminal organisations offer package deals that in- that have previously seen opportunities in drugs and prostitution now see new opportunities in illegal immigration.

"We have got evidence that

those who have been trafficking in heroin are now trafficking in people because of the profits there are to be made." Mr O'Brien said that there was evidence that the Russian

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ROMANIAN FAMILY OF 22 HELD

TWENTY-TWO members of a Romanian family who had been smuggled into Britain in a lorry were yesterday questioned at two police stations after being found wandering by the sist of the resul. The family, including a five-month-old baby and ten other children, were spotted Thurrock, Essex, a mile from the M25.

The adults were being questioned by immigration officials before being moved from Rayleigh and Grays police stations to temporary accommodation. It is believed their lorry had arrived on a ship at Purfleet,

involved in running illegal immigration rackets. He disclosed that illegal immigrants were paying \$4,000 (about £2,400) for one

of complete illegal immigra-

to £10,000 per person. Chinese people are paying \$30,000 for a package to enter the United States illegally.
The immigration service

said that there was increasing Eurostar ticket while the price trade in stolen or forged tion deals ranged from £3,000 European Union travel docu-

trafficking in illegal immi-grants has involved people from China, Turkey and the Once in this country, illegal immigrants find themselves The organised immigration forced into prostitution or low-

paid work such as croppicking. Gangmasters who supply labour to farmers receive up to £4 an hour for hiring out the illegal immigrants but the immigrants themselves often get just £1.20. At present, the immigration service targets the gangmaster rather than the farmer.

ments, with racketeers using

Belgian passports and Italian

identity documents in 1996.

and Dutch national passports

this year. Most of the recent

Last year, evidence in a court case in central London disclosed the links between or-

ganised immigration and prostitution. Brazilian women were brought to London to work as escort girls, arriving on forged Portuguese identity cards, and were installed in The man behind the racket is lion over eight years.

crime section, based at the headquarters of the National Criminal Intelligence Service in Vauxhall, South London, will be able to draw on the resources of the police, immigration service and MI5 and MI6. John Abbott, Director-General of NCIS, said that it would aim to provide "timely and operable" intelligence to police and immigration officers on the ground to enable them to move against the racketeers.

Atom test claimants granted European hearing

By MICHAEL EVANS

THREE veterans of British atomic bomb tests who claim that radiation fallout affected their health took their case to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg yesterday.
The tests were held in the

Pacific and Australia in the 1950s. Supported by more than 100 other veterans, the litigants included the daughter of an RAF airman who took part in the nuclear bomb test on Christmas Island. She suffered from leukaemia as a child and is claiming £2 million damages from the Minis-try of Defence, which is denying any link between the quent cancers.

The European court has taken up the case after concern was shown by the European Commission of Human Rights that in pursuing their claim against the MoD, the veterans had inadequate access to the radiation records at the time of the tests.

Although the case in Strasbourg relates solely to the access to records, the veterans hope that a ruling in their favour will help them to claim

compensation from the MoD. Ken McGinley, chairman of the British Nuclear Tests Veterans' Association and one of the three seeking damages against the MoD, said the Labour Party in opposition had pledged "to support us wholeheartedly.But now that the Labour Party is in power, it has made it clear it is going to fight us all the way."

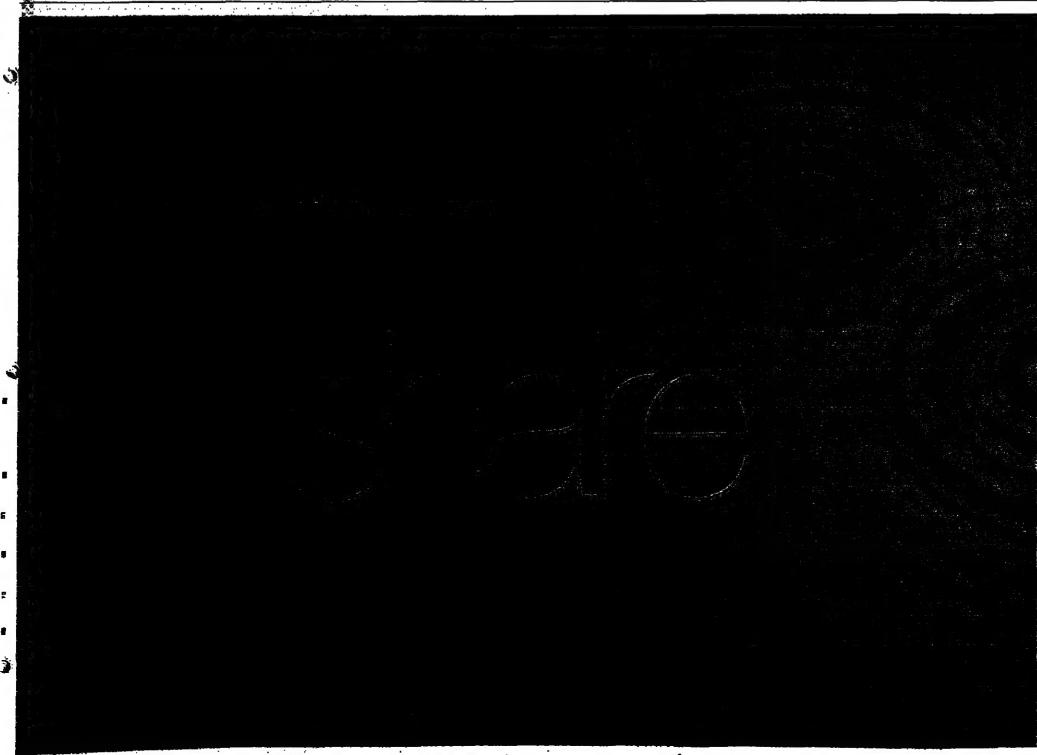
Yesterday the MoD said that two independent reports had already concluded that the atmospheric nuclear bomb tests had not had a "detectable affect on the participants' ex-pectation of life nor on their developing cancer or other

The inquiries were held by the National Radiological Protection Board, first in 1988 and then in 1993, assisted by representatives of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, including Sir Richard Doll, a world authority on cancer.

The MoD's case is that the sands of servicemen who took part in the bomb tests were too far away to be affected by ionising radiation or fallout.

The European Court of Human Rights will rule on whether the veterans had access to the relevant radiation records and therefore had a fair hearing when they applied for war pensions from the

Pensions Appeal Tribunal.
The judgment is expected in March. Mr McGinley said: The evidence we have will carry us through to victory."



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Voice of student protest reduced to mere whisper

STUDENT protest has sunk into deep hibernation since the heady days of 1968, when the flower of youth occupied the London School of Economics, or threw cobblestones at French riot police.

It had a brief and bleary awakening in London yesterday, when 4,000 students marched to Speakers' Corner to protest at the cutting of grants and the imposition of university fees. The police. who have almost forgotten how to handle such displays, played safe and turned out in force, even to the extent of hav-ing a helicopter overhead. They need not have bothered. In 1968 the enemy was

authority in general and university bigwigs in particular. Yesterday, the enemy was Tony Blair, traitor to socialism and bete noire of the splintered far Left.

Thirty years of subsidised education have not done much to hone the language of pro-test. Yesterday's overriding

The Hyde Park demo yesterday

was a far cry

from 1968, says **Alan Hamilton**

chant among the marchers was: "Education is a right -not a privilege. Tony Blair is a right — Tory bastard." At least it just about had the

edge over the alternative cry: "What do we want? Free education! When do we want it? Now!" Banners and slogans seemed to have lost their edge too. "Grants not fees" is hardly gripping, although some cred-it is due to: "Do it the French Don't demand

The Campaign for Free Education, a breakaway frag-ment of the National Union of

A SERIES of failures in the

ent body has become a Blairite poodle, predicted a crowd of 6,000. They were overoptimistic, but at least the eventual turnout played mild havoc with the Marble Arch traffic.

A harsher world born of the Thatcher era demands that students bend over their books nowadays rather than take to the streets. Leaders of the NUS wear suits and carry mobile phones. It is left to the rump to preserve traditions. Rabble-rousers of old have turned middle-aged and respeciable; Danny the Red is a town councillor and Jack

There was a time when student demos would have attracted the likes of Tony Benn. Yesterday, as the marchers gathered in a knot in Hyde Park, they were offered the star billing of Jeremy Corbyn, leftwing Labour MP for Is-lington North. "We have to address the problems of society by redistributing wealth.

Straw is Home Secretary.



Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive? Art college students marching on 10 Downing Street in 1969

the rich," Mr Corbyn said. Mr Benn has never been given to bad language.

But the venom of the dispossessed Left was best expressed by Jo Cardwell, a member of the NUS national executive who is clearly out of step with don't know what's green about Gordon Brown's budget, ex-

cept it makes you want to puke," she yelled into the microphone. And another soundbite: "All Tony Blair is interested in is banning tobacco - the disgusting little creep." Tobacco was, in the circumstances, a relevant issue. In 1968 the crowd would have been sharing interesting substances; yesterday one

ing round a pack of Marlboro, a brand not unconnected with Formula One motor-racing. Some things do not change. That great political survivor,

Socialist Worker, was on sale at all points, although nowadays it faces stiff competition from other journals of the far

Ms Cardwell was not born in the Sixties but someone had clearly told her about them. A mite disappointed at the turnout, she announced: "We didn't have demonstrations of this size in 1967. We are going up and up and up." But quite a few of the marchers had already dispersed in search of

Prices of all homes * rise by 9 per cent BY RACHEL KELLY

THE average price of a terrace house is £60,257, a rise in a year of 9.34 per cent. The Land Registry figures for the three months to the end of September, released yester- : day, show that prices are still ...

rising for all types of property.

Prices of detached houses past year, to El21,082. Prices of semi-detached houses are up 9.2 per cent to £69,899, and. prices of flats and maisonettes: have gone up by 8.98 per cent:

The most expensive country or unitary authority surveyed by the Land Registry is Surrey, where the average houser. costs £137,246. The cheapest average house is to be found in ...

£36,436. Prices are still rising across. London. The capital's cheap-.. est borough is Barking and at Dagenham, where the average house costs £57,911. Kenmost expensive London bor-thi ough; the average house there: costs £287.510.

Mausoleum for Dodi approved

MOHAMED AL FAYED has been given permission to build an ist mausoleum in memory of his son, Dodi, on his 226acre estate at Oxted, Surrey.

Local councillors were shown plans of the mausoleum, which is based on a traditional Islamic design. Tandridge District Council's planning committee made a private visit to the estate to see the location of the grave.

Final permission still has to be given by the Environment Secretary, but a spokesman for Mr Al Fayed said that no problems were expected. The mausoleum will be

faced with red granite with a door at each of the four cardinal points and a glass dome in the roof. Extracts from the Koran will be inscribed on the interior walls and the structure will be able to accommodate eight bodies.

Hospital criticised over patient who killed wife

By Russell Jenkins

ved, Mr Horner had hanged

himself. treatment of a severely de-The report, published by the pressed man, who killed his wife and then committed sui-East Lancashire Health Aucide after being discharged thority, criticised the Blackfrom a hospital's acute psychiburn, Hyndburn and Ribble atric ward, was highlighted in Valley Health Care NHS a report published yesterday. Trust for a failure in com-Michael Horner, 52, from munications between health Lower Darwen, Lancashire, staff. Mr Homer's medical condition had not been corhad been suffering from acute

depressive illness since he was rectly diagnosed and had not forced into early retirement been taken seriously enough. and harboured paranoid delu-sions about his wife. The report was especially critical that he was left without After a month-long stay, he a primary nurse for the last 12 days of his hospital stay. It was discharged from the acute ward at Queen's Park Hospisaid his discharge was a

tal, Blackburn, on March 26, "misjudgment". 1996. On the following eve-By the time of the discharge Mr Homer's marriage had ning he telephoned the hospital to say that he had killed his broken down; Mrs Horner had obtained a legal separawife, Hazel. There was a delay tion and was preparing to before staff informed the emergency services of the call move out of the house. She was not informed by the and, by the time police arri-

hospital that her husband had been released and was packing when he arrived. The inquiry concluded that the discharge at such a time was "unfortunate and probably contributed to her death".

A full risk assessment of Mr Horner should have been made before his discharge because he had attempted and threatened suicide while an inpatient, the report said. One of the couple's daugh-

ters, Lisa Rawlinson, 31, said her mother might still be alive if adequate procedures had been followed. She said: "Her death could have been prevented by one telephone call."

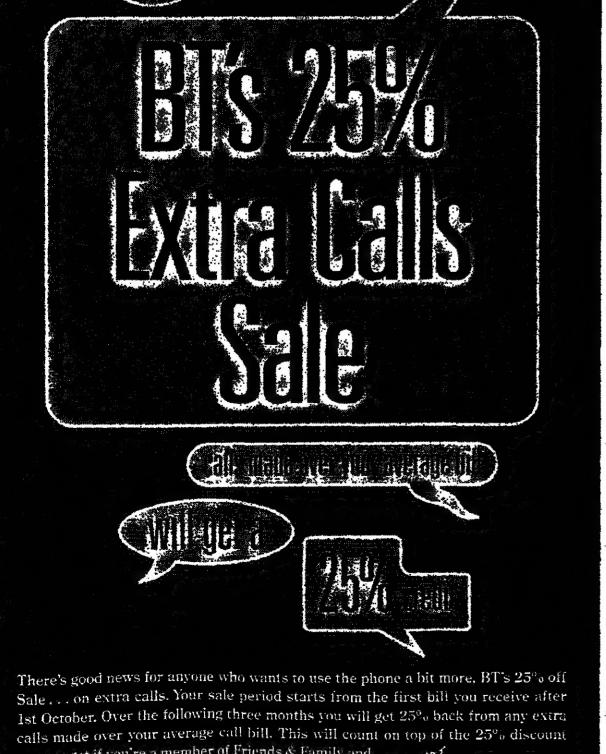
John Thomas, chief executive of the trust, apologised to the family and said that Mr Homer's inpatient care had fallen below acceptable



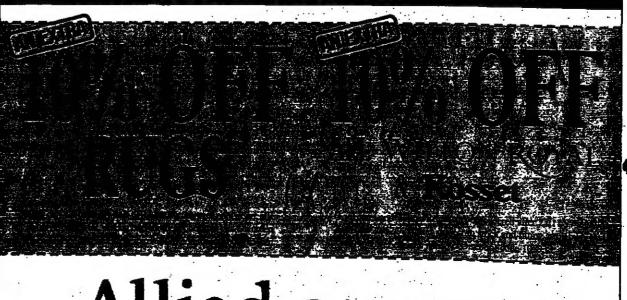
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riseh . Anti-hunt MPs see their quarry

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

on the horizon

LABOUR MPs will turn out at Westminster in their hundreds tomorrow to vote for a Bill that has virtually no pance of becoming law. But those who stay on at the Commons to back Michael Foster's attempt to outlaw hunting with dogs, rather than beginning their constitu-ency weekend, can expect their best signal yet that victory could be only two years away.

The most keenly attended speaker in mmorrow's pas-Mr Foster, the MP for Worcester, whose Private Member's Bill will be under consideration, but George Howarth, a junior Home Office Minister. Mr Howarth will drop a broad hint that if Mr Foster's Will fails — which it surely will Secause the Government cannot afford to give it time — other legislative opportunities could arise in the next session

> his boss Jack Straw is fortunate enough to win a slot in the parliamentary timetable beginning next autumn for a Criminal Justice Bill, it will not be impossible to amend it with a proposal to ben hunting.

Such a move would signal the end of the fight by pro-

government would be committed to forcing through an anti-hunting measure. If Mr Straw did not want to lose his whole Bill he would take on Tory opposition, particularly in the Lords, to force it through.
Labour's anti-huming MPs

are unhappy with the way the Government has handled the issue. Those who felt that the party had, in Opposition, given an implicit promise of parliamentary time in govern-ment have spoken of betrayal. But in recent weeks that mood has given way to optimism — encouraged by nods and winks to the leading cam-paigners — that ministers now accept that the clear majority in the country and the Commons for a ban must be

Many ministers wish that Tony Blair would put an end to all the doubts by announcing categorically that Labour will ensure, one way or another, that hunting is banned during the present Parliament. That way, they believe, he will recover the credit that has been eroded because of an impression of vaciliation on the subject.

There are even some MPs that Mr Blair will order an hunting campaigners to save about turn and tell the busi-their centuries old pursuit — ness managers, even at this because for the first time a late stage, to help the Foster

Bill through. Because there are no signs of either eventuality at the moment, anti-hunt MPs are being urged to turn up tomorrow to ensure the biggest possible majority for the Bill. The Government has too much on its plate for the remainder of this session to be able seriously to countenance help for Mr Foster.

The last defence of hunting. therefore, will be mounted in the House of Lords, almost certainly during 1999. At that time the hereditary

peerage -- which includes 326 Tories and 205 crossbenchers - will be close to ejection from the Upper House. A Bill to strip them of their voting rights is expected in the 1998-99 session as well.

The Government might use the opposition of peers to a ban on hunting as further ammunition for their decision to emasculate the

peer there will be nothing to lose. What better for their last hurrah than a stand-up fight in support of a pursuit loved by many? A senior Conservative peer said this week that many of them would "go to the wire and die for a fine cause". Labour Government trained on them it would be a battle -



Labour MP Dan Norris, with his mount Dolly, enjoyed his 20 minutes with the Mendip Hunt but says he will still vote to ban it on Friday

Anti MP on a fact-finding slow foxtrot

FOG shrouded the eastern flanks of the Mendips as Dan Norris, MP for Wansdyke, and his pony Dolly trailed slowly up the hillside in the paw prints of the local foxhounds.

The Labour member's attempt to find out more about hunting in advance of Friday's vote on a Bill to ban it had not got off to a good start. First his red Ford Sierra broke down and he arrived in the field above the village of Westbury-sub-Mendip on the borrowed white mare half an

jacketed riders disappearing over the skyline and Mr Norris set off in pursuit at something less than walk-Somerset hills since 1760, will soon ing pace. "What's he think he's doing, hunting snails?", someone sneered.

Then he had to turn around in order to get back to the House for urgent parliamentary business. Time in the saddle: less than 20 minutes.

The cynics pointed out that what Mr Norris missed in first-hand experience, he more than made up for in photo opportunity. But most were prepared to give the MP credit for at least accepting their invitation to ride with the hounds and find out exactly

reach the end of the trail if Mr Norris has his way. He intends to vote in favour of Michael Foster's private member's Bill banning hunting with hounds because, he says, that is what

the majority of his constituents want.

Mr Norris, 37, a Quaker who
entered Parliament at the last election, said: "Is it civilised behaviour, at the end of the 20th century, to pursue wild animals with hounds? I don't think it is and I'm voting accordingly.'
But as he followed the hounds, Mr

never been on a hunt before and I can now understand the attraction. I was only there a few minutes but I saw a fox. Many people don't see a fox all day. The hunt is full of pageantry and history and it's very exciting to be riding in the countryside. But I will still vote against fox hunting on

Friday."

Chris Payne, joint master of the were forced to close several jobs would go and the hounds would have to be put down. He added: "We came out

Campaigners exchange accusations of propaganda trickery



COUNTRISIDE CORRESPONDENT

SUPPORTERS and opponents of hunting accused each other of chicanery and misrepresentation yesterday as they used advertising barges on the Thames to get their message to MPs preparing to vote on Michael Foster's Private Member's Bill.

A barge with the slogan "73 per cent say ban hunting" (based on an opinion poll) appeared opposite Parliament on behalf of the Campaign for the Protection of Hunted Animals. Their opponents, the Countryside Alli-

will appear today, displaying the slogan "The Countryside says NO to Foster's Bill".

The anti-hunting campaign, a coalition of the RSPCA, the League Against Cruel Sports and the International Fund for Animal Welfare, is estimated to have spent up to £2 million on newspaper advertisements and posters. The Countryside Alliance admits to spending fi35,000 on newspaper advertisements and posters; their barge will cost a further £10,000.
Huntsmen yesterday accused

public with a newspaper adver-

month showing a disembowel-led fox and suggesting that hounds normally kill their prey in this way. The RSPCA stood by the advertisement yesterday. A spokeswoman, said: "We believe

we can substantiate all our claims, which are fully researched by our wildlife department and by independent academics." John Pugsley, of the Dulverton West hunt in Devon, which killed the fox in the picture, said: The fox had gone to ground and was dug out by terriers and shot cleanly with a humane killer, a pistol, before being thrown to the hounds. If hounds kill, they do it

by a bite to the back of the neck

in a few seconds and not by disembowelling."

There was also controversy over a photograph that appeared on the front page of a newspaper this week purporting to show a pile of antlers from stags shot recently by farmers in the West Country. It was offered as evidence that farmers, fearing damage to their crops, had been shooting far more deer than usual after the refusal of the National Trust and the Forestry Commission to renew deer-hunting licences on Exmoor and in the Quantock Hills.

Kevin Saunders, of the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "It

looks as if this story has been put about by pro-hunt farmers, to show what will happen to deer if hunting is banned. I would not put it past some farmers to shoot more deer to spite the National Trust, but if you look at the picture, it appears that some of the antiers are quite old, and not from deer shot recently."

Robert Rowe, a farmer who hunts with the Quantock Staghounds, said he could not vouch for the troth of the picture, and had not shot any deer himself but believed that up to 80 stags had been shot since September, compared with about ten over the same period in recent years.



The RSPCA advert's savaged fox

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General Synod

First-round win to streamline Church executive

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

REFORMERS who want the size of the General Synod of the Church of England re-duced by a third and layers of bureaucracy abolished yesterday cleared the first hurdle to their plans becoming law.

After a debate at Church House, Westminster, the syn-od voted narrowly to "take note" of the report of a four-year review chaired by Lord Bridge of Harwich. The proposals, described by Canon Hugh Wilcox, of St Albans, as a "gadarene rush to turn the Church of England into the religious division of McDonalds or the National Health Service", include a recommendarion to reduce the 570-strong

synod to 390 members.

The report proposes abolishing the historic convocations of Canterbury and York. the bodies which preceded the synod as a form of church government and can still debate contentious issues. The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, was among those who expressed concern at such a move. The report also recommends removing deanery synods from the electoral process

for the synod, in effect con-

signing them to oblivion. Attempts to have the report thrown out yesterday were unsuccessful, and it is now likely to be debated throughout the to be debated throughout the Church, which is already making changes to the way it it governed by setting up a central, policy-making "Archbishops' Council". Eventually, it could return to the synod in

some form of legislation.

Dr Hope said that the elimination of the convocations of Canterbury and York would diminish the separate influence of the two provinces. "If we are really seeking some direction for our future, then we must be careful to propose some sense of continuity with our past," he said.

Canon Wilcox, vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Ware, Hert-fordshire, said that some people had no sense of history and wanted to remove anything which spoke of the past. "We must reject these destruc-tive impulses which are so out of touch with feeling in both Church and nation about the

place to minorities, to be faithful to tradition."

The proposals were unsound, unacceptable and un-timely", he said. "High on the list of God's gracious gifts to the Church of England are is parish clergy, its laity, its diversity, its history and its traditions. This unacceptable report is an attack on all of them," he said. "What is pro-posed would lead to church government which would give more power to the centre and less to the parishes. Parish priests, archdeacons and deans would have to fight for seats in a rump of a synod which will lack authority because it will be neither repre-

sentative nor comprehensive."

But Canon Bob Baker, a member of the review body. said the principles of synodical government were widely accepted. "But there is scope for improvement and we believe that it is time for some reform of the system. . . A small-er synod will encourage more effective representation, as well as having benefit in terms of cost, demands on time and ease of organisation."



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Tortoise owner shells out £50,000 legacy for its care

BY TIM JONES

A TORTOISE called Big Tibby will never want for lettuce after its millionaire owner left a neighbour £50,000 to look after the 52-

year-old pet, together with Billy, a cocker spaniel.

Donald Moss left the money and the animals to Caroline Williams, whose kindness meant that his fear of ending his days in a home was not realised. For the last

was virtually housebound. However, he was able to remain at home in Butley Town, Cheshire, because Mrs Williams and her family in the cottage next door cared for him, cleaned his home, did his shopping and ensured be

was never alone. Yesterday, Mrs Williams described Mr Moss, who was 80, as a perfect gentleman. She said: "He used to dress every day in his tie, waistcoat

man who did not have a harsh word for anyone. I loved him very much."

Mr Moss provided legacies for her husband, David, and their daughter, Emily, 20. Mr Williams will inherit a prized shotgun while Emily, who is reading classics at Cam-bridge has been left a paddock that is home for a pet sheep, a tame fowl and exotic

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Manchester. He made his fortune as the director of a Stockport company founded by his father to make mattresses. Most of his estate goes to family members.

Wild mink devour Scottish * seabirds

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By NICK NUTTALL

WILD mink are killing more than half the seabirds on the west coast of Scotland, according to a new study. The finding challenges assertions by some scientists that the mink, a native of North America that has escaped from fur farms, has little or no effect on British wildlife.

Clive Craik, a biologist with the Scottish Association for Marine Science at Dunstaffnage, near Oban, claims mink are behind a fall in the population of common terms along 1.000 kilometres of coastline between Mallaig and Campbeltown. New Scientist Campbeltown. New Scientist magazine reports his findings that over the past ten years, the number of breeding pairs has fallen from 1,839 to 1,023. The number of breeding pairs of common gulls in the area has dropped from 1.138 to 799 and blackheaded gulls from 630 to 303 since 1989.

Mr Craik says that popula-tions of these species have increased slightly at sites where mink are absent but have declined sharply at the sites where mink, which eat chicks and eggs and have no natural predators, are found. The researcher also notes

that on 15 mink-infested inshore islands, seabird numbers have fallen by more than 90 per cent. In some cases colonies have failed to breed or have disappeared.



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Dinosaur tails used to whip up passion

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDIFOR

COMPUTERS have helped to the tip, producing, in effect prove that male dinosaurs were able to woo their part-ners and intimidate rivals by cracking their long tails like

bullwhips. The claim, first put forward by Professor R. McNeil Alexander of Leeds University, has been followed up by Nathan Mybrvold, from the software company Microsoft, who used computers to simulate the tails of the giant sauropods and

show the feat was possible.
Using a bullwhip bought from a supplier in Seattle, Dr Myhrvold used his computer to confirm that a wave generated at the base of a dinosaur's 40ft tail could exceed the speed of sound by the time it reached

miniature sonic boom. He studied the tails of eight fossil sauropods and found that the tail vertebrae were longest about a quarter of the way down, a known site of strain in a whip. Half the fossils had fused vertebrae at this point. which can result from an

He believes that the fossils were males, who whipped up a frenzy with their tails in displays of sexual availability or aggression. "Males whipped their tails to get a date," he told New Scientist.

Professor Alexander said: "I put the idea forward with my tongue in my cheek, but I'm delighted it is possible."



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Age for buying cigarettes to be raised to 18

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

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THE legal age for buying scigarenes is likely to be raised from 16 to 18 next year in legislation aimed at cutting tobacco consumption, Tessa Jowell, the Public Health Minister, said yesterday.
She told the Commons

.Health Select Committee that the priority was to reduce the number of teenagers and children who start smoking, because getting young people hooked before they are 20 is the surest way of making certain they go on smoking throughout their adult life".

That was why the Government wanted to ban tobacco advertising and to stop spons-orship, which linked a glam-orous sporting life to smoking. To that end she was conducting intensive negotiations with the European Commission and other EU states in the hope of agreeing on a European directive bringing in such a ban, she said.

The issue is to come before a health council meeting in Brussels next Thursday, but even if the EU failed to agree a



directive the Government would bring in legislation next year to honour its manifesto pledge to cut tobacco consumption, Ms Jowell said.

"We are looking at increas-ing the age of purchase so that it is common with that of alcohol." Tobacconists would welcome the change, because it would make it easier for them to know whether a customer was old enough.

The critical age for starting to smoke is probably 12 or 13 and children of that age may look 16, but not 18," she said.

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WHY FIRST SMOKE OF DAY IS BEST

SMOKERS who claim that the first eigarette of the day is the most enjoyable are profiting from a night's abstention (Nigel Hawkes writes). New findings show that not smoking fo a few hours allows receptors in the brain that provide the enjoyment

to recover their sensitivity As a result, the first ouffs in the morning provide a high that no pest eigarette can A team led by Dr John Dani, of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, reports in Nature that the

response that makes smoking hard to give econd, prolonged sure to micotine descrisitizes the cells, so that more and more cigarettes are needed to get the same "buzz".

There could then be an age card which would be valid for both alcohol and cigarettes.

This is not about bossy and intrusive government. It is about doing what we can to protect children from the harm that tobacco and smoking does. One measure alone will not be adequate to reduce the scale of reduction we want

Regulations about where cigarette machines were placed and how the health warnings were displayed would be included in a White Paper on cutting tobacco conimption, which will be published next year. Health education in schools should be focused on the dangers of

smoking.

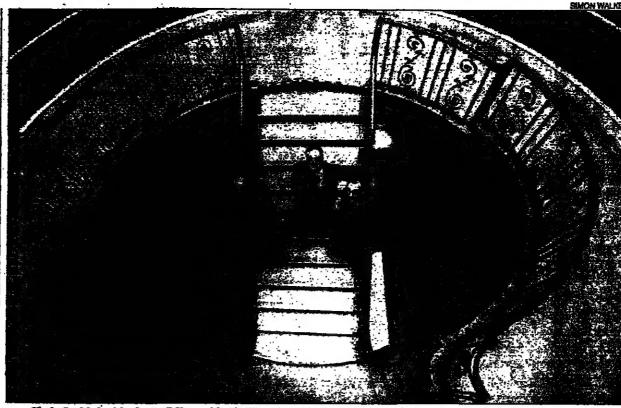
Ms Jowell said that the Government would keep its election promise to raise cigarette prices every year by 5 per cent. Dawn Primarolo, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, was looking at ways to stop tobacco smuggling. Ms Jowell spent over an

hour before the committee trying to convince members that the Government had not caved in at the first confrontation with Formula One leaders. Committee members wondered how she could support a permanent exemption for the sport when not long ago she was one of the most passionate members behind a unanimous report calling for a ban on all tobacco sponsorship.

Our efforts have been spent

in establishing a way in which our manifesto promises can be converted into practical reality. We don't want to agree something and then find there are loopheles," she said. The Government was not retreating from its election promise, but was trying to negotiate a directive that would be as effective as possible

Andrey Wise, Labour MP for Preston, was unimpressed. "At bottom, if you are big enough and powerful enough and make enough threats you can get your way," she said.



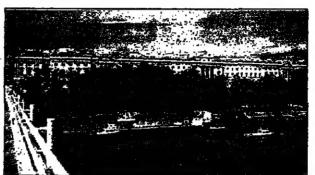
Chris Smith inside the building with Sir Timothy Sainsbury, trust chairman, right, and Lord Rothschild, left

Somerset House enters new era of culture with £10m lottery grant

TWENTY-FIVE years of campaigning came to a triumwhen the lease of one of London's grandest govern-ment buildings, the 18th-century Somerset House, was handed over to a new trust with a £10 million Heritage Lottery Fund grant to open it to the public and create a new home for major art collections.

Some aspects of the plan are likely to prove controver-sial, including cutting down or lopping plane trees along the Embandment as well as possibly enclosing the mag-milicent 450ft-long river ferrace in glass so that it is suitable for use all year

Somerset House was built as government offices to the designs of Sir William Chambers, the architectural tutor to George III. Yesterday its lease was handed over by the Culture Secretary, Smith, to the Somerset House trest. The trust places to make



Somerset House was built between 1776 and 1801

front overlooking the Thames

will become home to the

Gilbert collection of gold and

silver, which in recent years

has been on loan to Los

Angeles County Museum,

which fought hard to retain it.

of the Heritage Lottery Fund,

said: "This is the largest

bequest of its kind, containing

a thousand pieces including

fine gold and silver lost to the

nation when export licences

were granted because the

money could not be raised to

save them." The building

Lord Rothschild, chairman

the courtyard, used by the inland Revenue as a car park, available for a range of public events, from concerts to openair film showings and fashion

Marquees will be erected for special occasions and the rtyard repayed in cobbles. Sir Timothy Sainsbury, the chairman, said: "We hope to have the cars out by next year. This is London's finest openair living room and we are open to suggestions as to how the courtyard can best be used." By 2000 the south Luton Hoo country house in The river terrace of Somerset House should be open to

the Werner collection from

the public for the first time by 2000, allowing Londoners to enjoy a panorama stretching from the dome of St Paul's to the Houses of Parliament.

Simon Jenkins, one of the trustees who launched the campaign to open Somerset House to the public 25 years ago, said: "The trees are a real problem. They shut out the view of the South Bank from the terrace and hide the splendour of Somerset House's architecture from across the river. The outer row along the river should go, the inner row could simply be

Peter Inskip, the architect for the scheme, said: "Old views show that when the Victoria Embankment was created in the mid-19th century, it was clear of trees exposing the whole length of Somerset House along the

Legacy of Marx to benefit from new capital

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE legacy of Karl Marx is alive, well and thanks to a National Lottery handout should continue to thrive in its 18th century London home. The Marx Memorial Library in Clerkenwell Green, popular today with writers and think-ers of all political persuasions, was granted £359,000 yester-day to help to tell the world

about socialism.

The library, housed in a building where Marx's First International used to meet and from where Lenin edited his newspaper Iskra, will use the money to catalogue its 150,000 books and pamphlets and put them on the Internet. The library relies on the memory of its curator, Tish Newland, to guide readers to the materi-

al they require. "That's not ideal. There's no point me sitting in the middle of this wonderful collection. It's got to be used," she said. The library includes early socialist journals and tracts unavailable elsewhere, and books on all brands of socialism including a first edition of Marx's Das Kapital signed by

Friedrich Engels. The grant will also be used for drastically needed mainte-nance work — the books are stored on shelves constructed from 1940s packing cases. Such improvements should make the library a little more comfortable for the scholars who travel from around the world to study there.

Some unlikely figures are fans of the library. Lord Wyatt of Weeford said: "Its histurical value increases yearly." Edwina Currie, the novelist and former Conservative MP, said it was "amazing". "Anyone who loves political history and the foundations, the way in which political thoughts start and political movements are driven along has got to feel that they're in a temple here."

The author Peter Ackroyd said the library was the most important collection of political literature in the country.

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Labour MPs tell minister to save threatened pits

The Government is accused of doing too little, too

late to save coal industry, Polly Newton reports

THE Government faced criticism from its own backbenchers yesterday for doing too little to protect Britain's coal

During a Commons debate on the mining industry, John Battle, the Energy Minister, was urged by his own side to prevent further pit closures. He was accused by one Labour MP of failing to state clearly the Government's rollicy.

About 5,000 jobs in the coal industry are under threat as RJB Mining, the country's principal mine operator, prepares to close up to ten pits because of a shrinking market for its coal. A deal announced yesterday to supply 18 million tonnes to National Power over three years from March is not expected to stop the closures.

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Mr Battle, replying for the Government at the end of the debate, ruled out any state subsidy for RJB. However, he announced an investigation into gas supply contracts which force power generators to use gas even when it might be cheaper for them to burn coal.

"If there is a distortion to competition here... I want to see it put right quickly," Mr Battle said. "Our primary aim is to ensure that the mining industry and coal can play an important part in our energy supplies as we move into the next century."

Calls for government action were led by Paddy Tipping. Labour MP for Sherwood, who said that many hardworking miners faced another Christmas and new year of uncertainty. Mr Tipping, parliamentary aide to the Home Secretary, said the Government should ensure that the coal industry survived and prospered. He said he accepted that there was little

that could be done in the short

"I am surprised that people should expect a new Labour Government to offer subsidies to the private sector," he said. But he added that there were decisions that could be taken now to protect the long-term future of the industry, such as a three-year ban on the building of gas-fuelled power stations.

Without the right action now, he said, "we could see the final demise of the coal industry, and we will be dependent eventually on nuclear and renewable energy and gas".

Mr Tipping — who as a parliamentary private secretary is expected to be fully

NATIONAL POWER SIGNS COAL DEAL

Britain's biggest independent coal producer, RJB Mining, yesterday signed a deal to sell National Power up to 18 millions tonnes of coal over the next three years. The deal ends months of uncertainty for the company, which is now likely to announce before Christmas the closure of between eight and ten pits, involving the loss of up to 5,000 jobs, unless the Government alters the prospects for the coal

The Government, which will next week face a Trade and Industry Select Committee inquiry into the future of coal, yesterday began an investigation into take-or-pay gas contracts for smaller generators. The contracts mean that they cannot resell gas even if that is more profitable than burning it to produce

supportive of the Government
— said that people would not
invest in coal unless they knew
the Government's policy. He
told Mr Battle: "I wish you
would say more clearly, more
loudly, what you are doing. I
don't think your voice is being

heard in the coalfield communities."

Eric Clarke (Lab, Midlothian), a former miner, said: "Our children and our children's children will not thank us if we don't deal with the

Kevin Barron (Lab, Rother Valley), also a former miner, criticised the Government for giving the go-ahead to more gas-fired power stations. "I have to say to you, we did say in opposition that we would not license new gas-fired power stations."

Denis Murphy (Lab, Wansbeck), said that the Tories' privatisation of the mines was the root of the problem. "Asking RJB to look after your coalmining industry is like asking Imelda Marcos to look after your shoe shop. You should expect it to be stripped bare by the time you get it back."

Michael Fallon, Shadow

Trade and Industry Minister, said that Mr Battle was concerned only about his own public relations. "He is happy to see 5,000 jobs disappear before the end of this financial year, provided it's done in an orderly way."

He said Mr Battle was

presiding over the rundown of the collieries. "If we don't get some action today, this will be the first in a whole series of debates about closure after closure." He told him: "If you have got any credibility left, it is time now for you to announce to the House that you have a clear policy."

Job losses, page 25



Yvette Cooper: divided loyalties for the MP of a Yorkshire mining constituency

Blairite forced to dig in

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A RISING new Labour star who swept to victory in a coalmining constituency in the heartlands of Arthur Scargill's NUM has found herself in the uncomfortable position of criticising the Government for failing to do enough to save the industry.

Yvette Cooper, 28, has had

Yvette Cooper, 28, has had to respond to growing anger in her Yorkshire constituency by placing the interests of her electors above her Blairite instincts to toe the party line.

As scores of miners, including a delegation from the

Prince of Wales colliery in her Pontefract and Castleford constituency, descended on Parliament on Tuesday to lobby MPs, Ms Cooper called for greater government action to save thousands of mining jobs at risk.

In a series of interviews she said: "These are privatised companies but the Government has to make sure there is a level playing field. It is a good, competitive industry and we must look at the future, ten or 20 years down the line." Ms Cooper, 28, spoke out after John Battle, the Energy Minister, admitted

that the Government was powerless to intervene. Friends of Ms Cooper, a

former economics journalist who is highly regarded by the Labour leadership, joked on Tuesday night that she felt so guilty for criticising the Government that she then lavished praise on the Chancellor's Pre-Budget Report. On the same afternoon as the miners' lobby, Ms Cooper described Gordon Brown's statement as "wonderful". Her support for Mr Brown no doubt delighted her fiance. Ed Balls, who is the Chancellor's closest adviser.

TV consumer show invaded Field's privacy

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC consumer programme Watchdog has been reprimanded after it secretly filmed a group of MPs on a

E40.000 "aunit" to Chile.

The Broadcasting Standards Commission fully upheld a complaint from Frank Field, the Social Security Minister, who said his, and his colleagues', privacy had been invaded by Watchdog cameramen in Santiago.

In its report, the commission said viewers may have

In its report, the commission said viewers may have been left with the impression that the members of the Social Security Select Committee were on a junket when in fact "Watchdog found the MPs to be hard working and found no evidence that the visit was a waste of taxpayers' money". They had visited Chile on a fact finding mission to discover how the country's pensions system works.

The programme, presented by Anne Robinson, followed the MPs in September last year to question whether the trip was justified. It secretly filmed them at Heathrow airport, on board the plane, in their hotel lobby and on the streets of Santiago.

Mr Field, who was chairman of the select committee at the time, said it was the BBC that was wasting public money by following the MPs in the first place at the licence

payers'expense.

The commission accepted that it was legitimate for programme makers to investigate the use of public funds but said this particular inquiry was "ill-conceived" and formed an unfair impression that the MPs were enjoying a

jaunt at the public's expense.

"The adverse impression was compounded by the commentary, and the item's substitution of a light-hearted tone for research and serious inquiry did little to mingate the unfairness", the report said. It added that MPs engaged on public business would normally be prepared to accept reasonable public scrutiny. "But the secret film-

ing by Watchdog on at least four occasions did infringe the privacy of Mr Field and his colleagues on the select committee. Since the film exposed no wrong-doing, and there was no reason to suppose that it would do so, the infringement of privacy was unwar-

ranted."
A spokesman for Mr Field, said: "He is glad and very reassured that the commission has upheld his complaint in full about the unfair and unwarranted infringement of

privacy."
Chile was the first country in the world to abandon the "pay as you go" state pension in favour of a private and funded system. Introduced by the military dictatorship in 1981, the scheme resulted in higher pensions, lower unemployment and faster economic

growth.

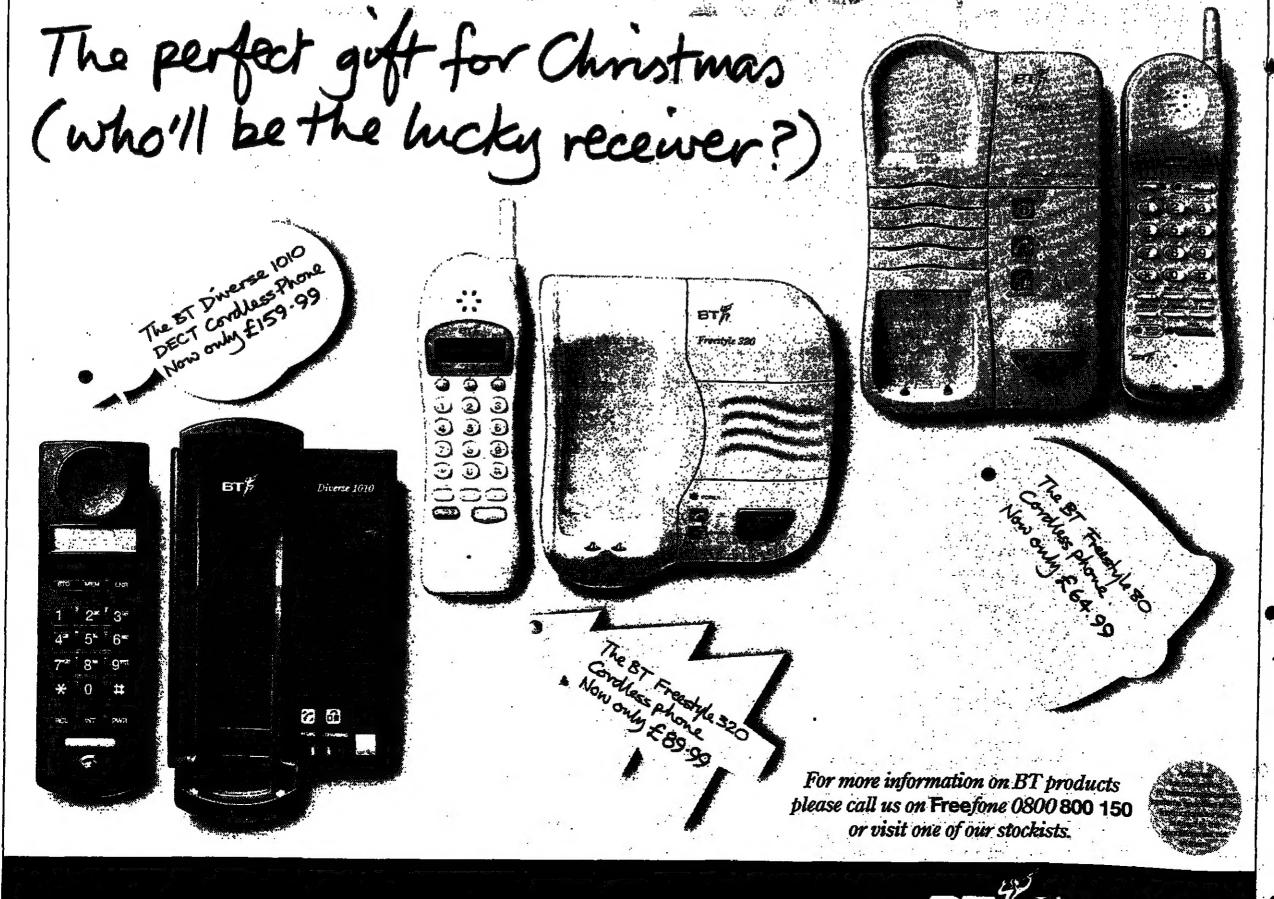
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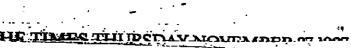
Last year Peter Lilley, then Social Security Secretary, studied the model with a view to installing a similar system whereby the money paid into National Insurance and Serps would be returned to the individual, who would be compelled to invest it in a private sector pension fund.



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Tories condemn Labour's 'raid' on lottery cash

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was attacked yesterday for "raiding" National Lottery money to fund a huge expansion of outof-school clubs across the country. Harriet Harman, the Social

Security Secretary, disclosed that £220 million out of the £300 million to be spent on providing out-of-school clubs in every community would be funded by the lottery's Opportunities Fund.

The Tories responded by claiming that Labour had tacitly admitted that it would use lottery money to increase public spending on services that should be funded by

Yesterday Francis Maude, the Shadow Culture Secretary, said: "The Labour Government has clearly decided that rather than allow the lottery to support the arts, heritage. sport and charities, it is determined to use the money

Virginia Bottomley, a former Tory Heritage Secretary, also accused the Government of misusing money raised by the lottery. "It's a raid on the National Lottery. The Government has run a coach and

horses through the principles of the lottery."
But Ms Harman defended

the decision to use the "people's money", saying that Labour had announced in its manifesto that the proceeds from the mid-week lottery would be used on these projects. "It's not a major what we said in our manifesto. It's the people's money and the people want it to be spent in

every community in high quality childcare," Ms Harman told BBC Radio 4's The World at One. Ministers were yesterday fleshing out the details of the

five-year plan to provide 30.000 out-of-school club places for the children of working mothers. Ms Harman said that £40 million would be provided from the windfall tax and the education budget next year to fund startup costs for the scheme. Over the following four years a further £40 million would be available from the education budget, by switching resources from other areas, plus £220 million from the National Lottery.

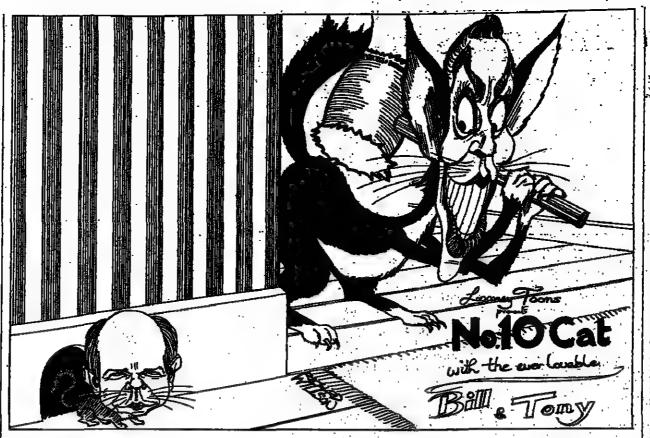
She also announced an additional £25 million to cater for parents with children under five who ask to join the

Ms Harman used a speech at the National Council for One Parent Families conference in London to spell out a three-part national childcare strategy, including the new out-of-school clubs, a tax credit for low earners and £100 million from the Welfare to Work initiative to train 50,000

young carers.

The running costs of the new clubs will be funded by charges to parents. Under the present system some clubs charge all parents, some charge only for children whose parents are in work. The average fee paid by parents is £15 a week during term time and £35 a week during school holidays.

Yesterday, Tony Blair promised to ensure that staff recruited to run the clubs were vetted, following concern from some parents about the trainee carers. "It is by combining high qualifications and rigid tests of suitability with the places available that we have got the best chance of both meeting our target and avoiding any abuse," he told



Voters' view of political animals

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

WILLIAM HAGUE is a small, insignificant animal, either a dormouse or a Yorkshire terrier. But Tony Blair is large, predatory creature, possibly a wolf, a fox or a snake.

These are among the results of focus group research into public attitudes conducted by the Tories and disclosed to The Times. Senior party officials insisted that they were relaxed about the image of

their leader, attributing it to understandable ignorance of a man who has been at the helm for only five months. Their response will be to use his wedding next month as a platform for revealing more of the man within.

Voters in the focus groups described the Prime Minister as "charismatic, modern, ambitious and decisive". But they admitted having little idea of Mr Hague, using words such as "nondescript, young and stiff". They were also at sea when asked to define the backgrounds of the two party Mr Blair (fee-paying Fettes

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College Edinburgh and St John's Oxford) was seen as an ordinary chap who went to a good comprehensive and a redbrick university. Mr

Hague (Wath-upon-Dearne comprehensive, Yorkshire, and Magdalen, Oxford) was thought to be a "merchant banker type" who went to

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posh and rich friends. While Mr Blair would enjoy a pint of beer in the pub, Mr Hague would guzzle champagne, gin and tonic or spritzers. In-depth interviews were

conducted last week with six focus groups of ten Middle Englanders, from Slough, Watford and Surbiton. The results should be enough to drive Tory spin-doctors to drink, but officials said the voters were merely projecting their prejudices about the party onto the new leader. They regarded the findings as an opportunity to present Mr Hague in a fresh light.

A party spokesman said: "We found all this encouraging because, in almost every case, the truth about William is the opposite. He went to a comprehensive he has a small business background. he drinks beer and he comes from more ordinary circum-stances than Mr Blair." The Tories have also taken

heart from the effect on the 60. voters of a party political broadcast featuring Mr Hague's first conference speech as leader and his visits to shools and pubs. They said that the group members uickly changed their view of Mr. Hague once exposed to this more homely superhot of his personality and thients.

Rescue * station closures criticised

By JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

MINISTERS were accused yesterday of putting lives at risk by closing four coastguard stations and merging

two others.
MPs from all parties urged ministers to reconsider their plans, announced last week, in close the Pentland, Oban. Liverpool, and Tyne coastguard stations and replace Portland and Lee-on-Solent with a single station at a new site. The closures, over next five years, will be balanced by more investment in new technology, such as digital communications equipment.

Tim Yeo, the Shadow Transport Minister, said in Com-mons debate: "Safety must not be compromised in a hasty bid to cut costs . . . If changes are to be made, they must be made with the aim of strengthening the coastguard."

Ian Bruce (C, Dorset South) said it would be "madness" to merge the Portland station, which is in his constituency, with Lee-on-Solent. "There is no money to be saved but there are certainly lives to be lost." Gwyneth Dunwoody (Lab, Crewe and Nantwich) said

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that the four stations to be closed were either near exceptionally dangerous water or in areas with additional prob-lems, such as gas fields or mudflats. Even the best communications systems could not replace manpower.

Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, said: The coastal communities cannot understand why the new Labour Government is behaving like the old Tories. . . . For a Government to put lives at risk for the objective of saving

money is disgraceful."
But Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister, accused the critics of spreading misinformation and insisted that safety would always be paramount. She said there would be no cuts in the 3,000 auxiliary coastguard, the number of watch commanders or helicopter services.

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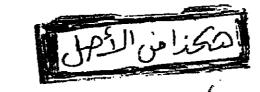


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Police chief quits in Washington scandal

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE abrupt and trarful resignation of Washington's chief of police added a new chapter resterday to the succession of bizarie scandals among those running the keleaguered Amer-

ican capital.

Larry Souisby sepped down shortly before Police Lieutenant Jeff Stowe, with whom he shared a cutrate luxury flat; and who had been in charge of investigating extortion plots, was himself charged with extorting money from married men

who frequented say bars.

Mr Soulsby was offered condolences by Marbn Barry, Washington's Mayor, who made his own contribution to he city's acute crime rate when he was filmed by FB! rate when he was filmed by FBI cameras smoking crack cocaine with a former mode in a hotel room and was jailed for six mouths. "Chief Soulsby has been one of the best crime fighting thiefs this city has had in a long time," Mr Barry declared. Most support for Mr Soulsby evaporated when it emerged that Licutenant stowe had allegedly obtained the last they shared for well under half the usual rent after telling the landlord the premises would be

the landlord the premises would be used for undercover police work. Mr Soulsby and the figurenant were longtime friends who shared the bachelor flat while joth were separated from

their wives. They shared the monthly rent of \$650 (£380). Other tenants in the block, including Janet Reno, the

Attorney-General, pay between \$1,700 and \$2,500. Mr Soulsby said he was not a party to the discount deal, but was stepping down because he could not allow yet another controversy to detract from the police department's accomplishments in fighting crime.
Lieutenant Stowe, maintaining his innocence, made a brief court appear-

ance on charges of extortion and embezzling several thousand dollars of police funds entrusted to his care. An FBI affidavit said he had allegedly attempted to extort \$10,000 from a married man by threatening to send photos of the man at a gay bar to his wife and employer. Mr Soulsby was promoted to chief

two years ago after 24 years with the force. He took over when the police were in disarray and the department was not much better when he left. Squad cars go missing, evidence is lost and computers regularly crash. The police union described Washington as a third world war zone patrolled by a third-rate force.

Resigning, Mr Soulsby said, was like taking a 1,200lb gorilla off his shoulders. "This is the happiest day



16,000 new HIV infections daily, UN experts say

EVERY day about 16,000 new victims are infected with HIV, the virus that causes Aids, and by the turn of the century about 40 million people worldwide will carry the virus,

according to the United Nations. One in every hundred sexually active people in the 15-49 age group has the virus. Research published yesterday showed the number of Aids cases has been grossly underestimated. UNAids, a injury programme of LIN special country according to the programme of LIN special country according to the UNAids, a injury programme of LIN special country according to the pro oint programme of UN specialised agencies, said the number of adults and children with HIV or Aids was now 30 million, a far steeper increase from last year's figure of 22.6 million than what had

been previously estimated. The report said that this was because of a more accurate way of collecting statistics, as well as an actual increase of 19 per cent in infection. In all, about 5.8 million people are believed to have acquired HIV

this year, 590,000 of them children. But although the number of cases in the developed world is

falling, the rate of infection in

Third World countries, especially in Asia and Africa, is rising sharply. "We are now realising that rates of HIV transmission have been grossly underestimated, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa where the bulk of infections have been concentrated," Dr Peter Piot, executive director of UNAids, said. Of the daily new infections, more than 90 per cent are in developing countries: 1,600 are in children

under the age of 15; about 14,000 are in adults, of whom more than 40 per cent are women and more than 50 per cent are aged 15-24.

An estimated 23 million people have died of Aids-

related illnesses this year, an increase of a half over the 1996 figure. These deaths represent

lion Aids-related deaths since the beginning of the epidemic in the late 1970s. Almost half those who died this year were women and 460,000 were children.

The worst affected area is sub-Saharan Africa, where HIV cases are increasing by an alarming 7.4 per cent a year among those aged 15-49. In Botswana, the level of infection among adults app-ears to have doubled in five years, and in Zimbabwe the infection is as high as one in

every five adults.

Dr Piot said that the transmission rate had also been South Africa and Nigeria.

An estimated 20.6 million people in Africa are now living with the condition, compared with six million in the Indian sub-continent and South-East Asia and 1.3 million in Latin

Dambusting order claimed as victory for environment

FROMFOM RHODES IN VASHINGTON

AMERICA took an unprecedented environmental step yesterday, ordering the de-struction d an ageing hydro-electric cam in Maine to restore samon, trout and other endangred fish to a 15-mile stretch of the Kennebec River.

The Feleral Energy Regula-tory Commission ruled that environmental concerns — including ne spawning needs of salmon, shad and the endangered siortnese sturgeon — outweiged the industrial benefitshif the Edwards Dwm. built is years ago in Augusta, the spin capital. The ruling was see as a great victory for

which ruled out any relicensing of the dam and ordered that i be torn down at the company's expense, the deci-sion narked a sharp reversal in feleral policy and may signs the start of a damlusting spree throughout the United States.

This decision marks the first ime that the commission has weighed the power produced by a dam against the value of a free-flowing river, and the river won, said Magaret Bowman, a director at american Rivers, an envi-

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ronmental group based in The dam, 40ft high and

spanning 1,000ft across the Kennebec, provides one tenth of 1 per cent of the state's electricity but blocks spawning fish from about 15 miles of turbed natural resource.

is likely to have particular ramifications in the west, where an intense debate is continuing about the removal of large dams on the great rivers such as the Snake, the

Plea by Briton's killer rejected FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A FORMER US Marine who shot his British son-in-law dead at point-blank range has been convicted of first degree murder after a jury rejected his claim that he had suffered from post-traumatic stress syndrome since the Second World War.

Richard Keech, a model citizen for 51 years after his return from a Japanese prison camp, barely blinked as the vendict was read in a Long Beach court

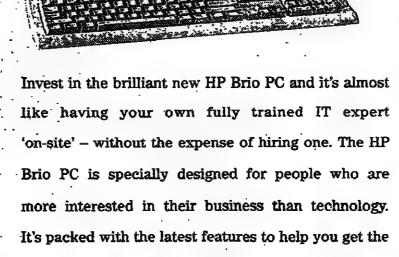
Eighteen months earlier he had gone "on autopilot", he testified, and fired five rounds into his daughter's estranged husband. Nick Candy, a rugby-play-

ing British business graduate, ran down the street from Keech's suburban home bleeding and screaming for help after being shot once in the abdomen, the court heard. Using a 9 mm handgun, Keech then shot him three more times in the back and once in the base of his skull. He claimed on the witness stand to have had a flashback to the prison camp, thinking he was shooting at a Japanese

guard. . The murder followed a bitter custody battle between Mr Candy and Keech's daughter. Nancy. Mr Candy had gone to the home of his father in-law, 78, to collect his two year-old son, Martin, for a visit, when

the men began arguing out, side on the pavement.

Keech, who will be sentenced in January, faces from 35 years to life in prison.



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Mugabe meets whites on land plan

By Agence France-Presse in Harabe

PRESIDENT MUGABE met the leaders of Zimbabwe's white farming community yesterday and said his Government would press ahead with plans to take over millions of acres of their land.

Mr Mugabe later told reporters that a list of 1,503 farms which the Government wants for redistribution to blacks would be gazetted tomorrow adding that "many more may be needed after that".

He reiterated that the Government would pay only for improvements on the farms — such as houses and barns — and not for land itself, which he says was stolen from blacks by British colonisers a hundred years

ago.

The list was made available last week to the Commercial Farmers Union (CFU), which represents most of Zimbabwe's 4,000 white farmers. Many complained that the Government had not abided by its stated criteria of taking under-utilised land or land owned by those with more than one farm. Fully productive family farms were

on the list, they said.

Mr Mugabe said farmers in each province would be invited to meetings where they could air their objections and "genuine grievances will be looked into".

Nick Swanepoel, the CFU president, told reporters that his delegation had a "good meeting" with Mr Mugabe.

Both he and Mr Mugabe referred to the farmers' concept of a "team Zimbabwe" approach to the issue, which reflects the desire that land reform should be in the national interest, rather than have a negative impact on an economy based on agriculture.



Winnie Madikizela-Mandela listening to evidence against her yesterday

Nicholson offers to help sue Winnie

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WITH allegations of murder and torture against Winnie Madikizela-Mandela growing, Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne said yesterday that she was prepared to assist in bringing a civil suit against President Mandela's former wife.

Speaking outside the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Lady Nicholson said she was taking legal advice on whether a civil case could be brought. She had just met Joyce Seipei, the mother of Stompie Mocketsie Seipei, whom Mrs Mandela has been accused by witnesses of killing.

"I am acting on her behalf.
The commission is not a court
of law and murder demands a
court of law," Lady Nicholson
said.

She added that she would also meet Nicodemus Sono, father of Lolo Sono, another teenage activist who disappeared from Soweto and who, the commission was told, had been tortured by Mrs Mandela. He was last seen being driven away with her in a minibus.

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Bishop Paul Verryn,
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of Johannesburg, whom she may had accused in 1988 of end sodomising boys in his care. Bishop Verryn's emotional for calls for a response from Mrs Mandela plunged the hearings into stunned silence. He said: "I have struggled to acc

find a way in which we can be reconciled for the sake of this nation and a people whom God loves so deeply. I sit before you and want to say that to you".

There was no reply from Mrs Mandela. Ishmail Se-

menya, her lawyer, replied that she was prepared to meet the bishop but "not in a camera scenario".

Mrs Mandela ignored a plea from Archbishop Des-

mond Tutu, the commission chairman, for a public reconciliation.

many members of the audience to tears when he broke down and begged Mrs Seipei

for forgiveness for having "failed" to protect Stompet adequately. The hearings have heard that the teenager was accused by Mrs Mandela of being a police informer, abducted and killed.

"I did not remove him from my house and get him to a

my house and get him to a place where he could have been safe. If I had acted in a different way, he could have been alive today. I want to apologise to Mrs Seiper for my part in that," said the bishop, who was barely audible as he went.

Mrs Mandela has not applied for amnesty for apartheidera crimes which the commission was established to investigate. After statements from senior African

National Congress figures and witnesses, lawyers observing the case said she could be prosecuted for the murder of Stompe and up to 12 other victims— of the so-called Mandela. United Football Club her private bodyguard.

of Stompiel and up to 12 ctner victims—of the so-called Mandela. United Football Club, her private bodyguard. Katiza Cabekhulu, who was a member of the football club and is now ward under Lady Nicholson. Protection, said on Tuesday, he had seen Mrs Mandela step Stompie at her

Soweto marsion.

Senior members of the ANC are now joining in the general criticism of Mrs Mandela's conduct during the 1980s when her bodyguards terrorised the townships. Sydney Mutamadi, the Security Minister, said that the had shown an "mability to see things from our perspective which was

an "mability to see things from our 'perspective' which was damaging to hel integrity".

Mr Mufamad, a member of the "Mandela Clisis Committee" set up in the late 1980s to investigate her bodyguard, said that a secret memo sent to Oliver Tambo, then President of the ANC, in exic in Zambia, said that she had known "utter contempt" for the crisis from the community".

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Row a

Banda, last of Africa's old-style strongmen, dies aged 99

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

THE body of Hastings Banda, the last of Africa's old-style strongmen, was being flown home yesterday for burial in Malawi, where a struggle has begun over his legendary wealth.

Dr Banda, Malawi's former President, died of respiratory failure on Tuesday in a Johannesburg clinic where he was transferred ten days ago with pneumonia. The clinic said he was aged 99.

President Muluzi ordered flags to be flown at half mast and Malawi radio broadcast solemn music, but on the streets of Blantyre there was no sign of mourning for the ngwazi ("saviour").

A state funeral is to be held in Lilongwe on December 3.

For 30 years after independence in 1964, the self-proclaimed "President for life" was the absolute ruler of the tiny, over-populated country where, according to Armesty International, "dissent was not only impossible, but unthinkable".

Thousands were jailed, often for years,

for offences such as suggesting an

improper relationship between Dr Banda and Cecilia Kadzamira, the former "official hostess", who was with him when he died.

During the coming weeks lawyers will be seeking to establish lawful claims to littestate, believed to be vast. Banda built up a business empire that at one stage comprised up to 70 per cent of the turnover of the country's private sector.

"I expect there are going to be some contests," Mordecai Msisha, a lawyer

radio contests," Mordecai Msisha, a lawyer who has represented Dr Banda, said. Mr ign of Msisha said that legal fees, mainly for the hire of British counset to fight the expropriation in January of his flagship company and to defend him in 1995 against murder charges, "would have chewed a major chunk out of his assets".

But Blantyre lawyers and business.

men said that there was still prodigious wealth left over, much of it tied up in buildings, farms and at least one palace. There was anticty among Dr Banda's

nephews and nieces three months ago

when it was reported that he had mortgaged Chayama House, at seven storeys Blantyre's highest building, to raise a loan of £890,000 and was in the process of forming a trust, made up of stalwarts of his former ruling Malawi Congress Party (MCP).

Congress Party (MCP).

His relations have little doubt that the loan was for the trust. "What can the old man want with all that money?" one asked. They have engaged a lawyer to prevent the sudden dissipation of Dr Banda's estate. They say that he was senile and had been duped into handing over control of his assets to the trust.

"The family has a responsibility [for the assets] and they cannot leave these obligations entirely to employees," Khuze Kupeta, the family lawyer, said, referring to the MCP.

However, Mr Msisha says that Dr Banda was coherent and alert when he last saw him a few months ago.

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Dr Banda with supporters at a rally. Now squabbling is breaking out over his estate

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Americans' mental problems 'mainly in the minds of their psychiatrists'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

PSYCHIATRISTS, eager to lay claim to handsome reimbursements from insurance companies, are foisting scores of invented mental illnesses on ordinary Americans who are merely grappling with life's ups and downs, the authors of a new book argue. In Making Us Crazy, published this week, Herb Kutchins and

universities in California, write: There is a growing tendency in our society to medicalise problems that are not medical, to find psychopathology where there is only pathos, and to pretend to stand phenomena by merely giving them a label."

The authors focus their assault on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the "bible" of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). Its latest edition, published recently, lists Just two decades ago, the Manual listed 106 disorders.

In the mid-19th century, before it was compiled, the US Government recognised only one category of mental disorder — "idiocy/insanity". How can this "proliferation of madness" be expained? The authors argue that the psychiatric profession is now in the grip of a december of the procession is now in the grip of a dogma which holds that all troubles in people are the product of some "internal dysfunction". The

among other things, to a decline in the belief in individual responsibility.

This leads to patent absurdities. as can be seen in some examples of the "disorders" listed in the Manual. Consider these "frotteurism" (defined as the irresistible desire to sexually touch and rub against one's fellow passengers on public transport); "fugue" (travelling in foreign lands, often under an assumed identity); "paranoid per-

more than 300 mental syndromes. ascendancy of this view is linked, sonality disorder (the hallmark of someone who bears grudgesh "hypo-active sexual desire disorder" (found in people who are not keen on sexual intercourse); and "Asperger's disorder" (the bombas-

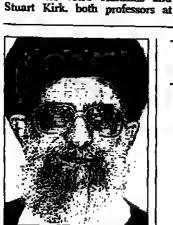
tic Manual label for shyness).
According to the APA, some 5 per cent of all Americans — about 12 million people — suffer from a condition called "generalised anxidisorder", a statistic that delights the makers of Prozac, Xanax and beta-blockers. In fact, the

underline the direct interest that pharmacentical companies have in the creation of newer disorders: "For the drug companies, the unlabelled masses are a vast untapped market, the virgin Alas-

ka oil fields of mental disorder." But it is the insurance "payoff", above all, that fuels the "disorder industry". For psychiatrists to receive payment from health insurance companies, they must find a way of labelling their patient with

authors of Making Us Crazy a recognised condition. That, they argue, is the reason why "attention deficiency syndrome" or "uppositional defiant disorder" is diagnosed in so many boisterous small boys. Linle Johnny pulls the girls' hair in the classroom a few times. is found to have a "disorder", and is put on medication. The psychiatrist, of course, gets reimbursed by

☐ Making Us Crany, by Herb Kutchins and Stuart A. Kirk, Free Press, New York, \$27.50.



Khamenei: says critics are "enemy agents"

Iranian leader turns on rivals

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

IRAN'S supreme leader, Aya-tollah Ali Khamenei, yester-day branded prominent critics who have launched an unprecedented challenge to his authority as "enemy agents" and issued a warning that they would be prosecuted. Many are known to be followers of the moderate President, Muhammad Khatami.

Several days of orchestrated street protests in support of Ayatoliah Khamenei have highlighted a power struggle between factions loyal to the conservative religious establishment and reformers keen to liberalise Iranian society.

Thousands are due to take

to the streets again tomorrow. but he arged supporters to stay at home, keen to delect the international spotlight from the regime's convulsions. before Tehran hosts a summit of the Islamic Conference Org-anisation next month, diplofrom 55 countries, including 27 heads of state, are due to

The conservatives' main target is Ayatollah Ali Montazeri, 75, a senior dissident who dared question the all-encompassing powers vested by the constitution in Ayatollah

Khamenei. Others have since called for the transfer of at least some of those powers to Mr Khatami, who has created a freer intellectual climate since winning a popular mandate for change in May when he swept to

Such ideas shake the very foundations of the Iranian

Phone tap reveals 'creeping coup' in Kremlin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE furious power struggle at the heart of Russia's Government erupted anew yesterday after evidence provided by a journalist, who died last week, suggested that a "creep-ing coup" had taken place at the Kremlin.

In a story that could come from a thriller, two Moscow newspapers published the latest details of Kremlin intrigue, which has cost some of the country's most powerful figures their political careers. The latest episode emerged from an article allegedly written by an investigative journalist killed last week in a mysterious car accident. A computer disk containing his unfinished story was passed to a colleague and with it a damning bugged telephone conversation between two of

the key figures in the scandal. On Monday, President Yeltsin sought to put an end to the crisis caused by the disclosure two weeks ago that Ana-toli Chubais, the Deputy Prima Minister in charge of ed payment of £60,000 as an advance for a book. Four of his allies in government were dismissed for accepting similar payments from a publishing house and Mr Chubais

lost his role as Finance Minister and much of his power. Although the facts of the case are not in dispute, what is unclear is how such a trifling matter, by the standards of Russia's hugely corrupt Gov-ernment, could have had such enormous consequences

According to Andrei Fadin, the journalist who died in a collision with a parked lorry last week, the disclosure was carefully co-ordinated by a cabal of Mr Chubais's enemies and released with the tacit approval of Mr Yeltsin. Mr Fadin wrote that "the

clan" was brought together by Boris Berezovsky, a tycoon dismissed from his Kremlin job this month at the behest of Mr Chubais. He was said to have plotted his revenge by winning the support of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, Gennadi Selesnyov, the parliamentary Speaker, and Ivan Rybkin, the National Security Adviser.

On November II. Mr Berezovsky is heard engaged in a colourful conversation with Vladimir Guzinsky, a media tycoon and ally against Mr Chubais. "I am just back from the Kremlin; their position is open," Mr Berezovsky said, suggesting that Mr Yeltsin had approved his plan to expose Mr Chubais.

Good. Where are we shooting?" asked Mr Guzinsky, and the two men go on to discuss whether they should use television or newspapers to pubevent, the article appeared on November 17 and was followed by a barrage of critical commentary in newspapers and television channels controlled by the two men.

Yesterday's disclosures sugest that the power struggle is far more than simply the personal rivalry between two powerful men and ultimately could decide who rules Russia in the post-Yeltsin era.

If it is true that Mr Berezov sky has formed an alliance of figures in government and finance, he may already be laying the foundations for a challenge by Mr Chernomyr din, the clear winner of the present Kremlin battle.

Owners strike to keep buses unsafe

FROM CHRISTOPHUR THOMAS

THERE is no hell like a Delhi bus ride. Millions of commuters pour into the capital every day aboard vehicles fit for the scrapyard, often dinging to the outside or the roof. It is the world's maddest, deadliest journey to work. People die nearly every day.

But yesterday, as on the day before, there was an uncommon calm as private operators took more than 4,000 buses off the road as part of an indefinite strike for the right to use bad drivers and

dangerous buses.

The strike brought a breath of sanity to India's most crowded and perilous streets. But there was chaos of another kind as six or more people squeezed into the confines of scooter rickshaws, legally limited to three passengers, to make miserable journeys. Pedal-rickshaw wallahs enjoyed a boom.

The deeth last week of 26 children when a speeding bus plunged off a bridge into the River Yamuna has spurred moves to improve safety standards — long overdue but, like most things in India, ignored until there is disaster. Not that the city govern-

ment, as sluggish and polluted as the Yamuna, did anything. The Supreme Court, which is becoming increasingly activist, took on the politicians' job. It came up should be qualified, and their buses should be safe.

Not only that, the vehicles should have to pass a pollution test and be fitted with speed governors. This latter concept upset the drivers, whose idea of fun is to race each other through the crowded streets, scattering all before them. Passengers emerge, bruised and dazed from this daily pummelling.

The Delhi-based Indian Foundation of Transport Research surveyed bus and lorry drivers to confirm its suspicions that most are fit to be in charge of nothing bigger than

Few possess even rudimen-



tary knowledge of road safety rules; all but a few have fake driving licences; they are overwhelmingly illiterate: and many are paid "starvation" wages, rising to a maximum of 2,000 rupees (£32) a month. Pay can be as low as

£ló a month. For many, the bus or longy is their only home. A third of long-distance drivers are not accompanied by a mate — although this is a legal requirement — and very few have had a driving lesson for

any kind of vehicle. The foundation added that the lorry drivers work in deplorable conditions, claiming that their employers force them to drive overladen and dangerous vehicles.

Many city schools have suspended classes because the strike means there are no buses. The bus operators are adamant that they cannot afford to comply with the new regulations, which would mean carrying half as many passengers and taking twice as long to do it.

On top of that, the vehicle owners would still have to pay bribes to the police, a routine practice, to avoid being delaved by a pretext.

Schools and private bus

appeal to the Supreme Court for more time to comply with the new orders so that the school transport system can resume, Meanwhile, millions of commuters must endure even greater hardship than usual, their misery heightened by soakings from unsea-

There were protests in several parts of the capital yester day in support of demands for alternative transport arrangements. Meanwhile, the city authorities are trying to hire hundreds of private buses from outside Delhi, thus promising the early restoration of carnage on the roads.

sonable rain.

WORLD SUMMARY

Leakey cleared for poll

Nairobl: Richard Leakey's opposition Safina party has been registered by the Kenyan Government for the general election next month (David Orr writes). He said a decision would be made today on

whether to participate.

Dr Leakey, Safina's secretary-general, said in Nairoblyesterday: The delay in registration has clearly been a tactic to wrong-foot the prodemocracy movement." Safina has been a thorn in the side of President Moi and his ruling Kanu party since it was founded in 1995.

Colombia votes for extradition

Bogotá: Colombia's drug traffickers could face long terms in foreign jails after Congress approved a Bill that allows Colombians to be tried and sentenced abroad for the first time in six years (Victoria Burnett writes). But while the reviving of extradition was a blow to the drug industry. jailed leaders of the Cali cartel were delighted that, despite objections from America and President Samper's opponents at home, it retrospective.

Briton dies in air crash

El Cajon, California: A student pilot from Britain was killed when two small planes collided over a hilly, residential area east of San Diego. Wales, a mechanic with the RAF, was flying in a Cessna. It smashed through the roof of an El Cajon home after the collision. A pilot and instructor in the other plane apparently escaped injury. The house was empty. (AP)

Unita soldiers suffocate in jail

Luanda: Ten soldiers of the Unita opposition movement have died of suffocation in a container used as a temporary jail in Malanje, in govern-ment-controlled northern Angola, officials said. Unita blamed the Government; and the UN monitoring mission in Angola urged the administration to investigate the deaths and publish its findings. (AFP)

Toddler survives six-floor fall

Murcia: An 18-month-old toddler who fell from a seventhfloor flat suffered only a broken tooth and bruises, hospital officials in this southern Spanish city said yesterday. State television reported that his fall was slowed by clothes lines outside lower apartments and he landed on a roof covering a patio at first-floor level. (AP)

Row as Hutchence family bars fans from funeral



Hutchence: "Had been drinking heavily"

From Roger Maynard IN SYDNEY

ANGRY fans were told yesterday they would not be allowed to attend the funeral of Michael Hutchence, the Australian rock star, who was found hanging in a Sydney hotel room at the

The row over the funeral gathered pace amid salacious rumours about the singer's final hours. Apart from one television crew and a couple of newspaper representatives, the media have been told that they will not be

welcome. A statement by the management company representing the Hutchence family said that they wanted a private funeral service. It added that the service, at St Andrew's Anglican Cathedral in Sydney, would be broadcast live on television

The Very Rev Boak Jobbins, the Dean of Sydney, said, however: "I won't be forbidding fans from entering the cathedral, although there's a limit to the numbers we can accommodate." But other reports indicated that security staff would prevent all but invited mourners from attending.

Details have also emerged about the singer's last night in his suite at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Sydney. Police sources said the singer appeared to have been drinking heavily. Empty beer bottles, cocktail glasses and a bottle of champagne were strewn around the room. The bed was stripped and the top sheet and cover

were on the floor. Although the police have emphasised that the singer was alone when he died, the last person to see him alive was Kym Wilson, a Sydney actress, who spent the early hours of

Saturday in his suite. She has told friends that the rock star showed no indication of being suicidal and had been positive in outlook. She has

given a statement to police. However, a telephone call he made to a former girlfriend suggested that he was far from happy. The singer left a distraught-sounding message on Michelle Bennett's answer machine: "It's seven o'clock. I need to talk to you. Goodnight." When she tried to contact him at the hotel, he failed to respond. Just before noon a maid found him hanging behind a door,



Wilson: last person to see rock star alive

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Police portrait of

Photofit of Paris rapist released

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

FRENCH police yester-day released a composite portrait of a serial killer and rapist believed to have murdered at least four women in the Bastille area of east Paris in the past three years.

The release of the photofit picture, a rare move in French murder investigations, was intended to prevent the killer from striking again, judi-clal sources said. However, victims' families say police were aware of the killer's appearance in 1995 and should have made the picture public months ago.

The killer struck last on November 16, raping and murdering Estelle Magd, a 25-year-old secretary, in her flat near the Bastille. Last month Magali Sirotti, 19, a student. died in similar circumstances. Genetic tests have established that he is responsible for the deaths of at least three women, but have not definitively connected him to Mme Sirotti's murder.

In June 1995, the killer attacked a woman, identified only as Elisabeth O. 25, a medical student, who escaped and later gave police enough information to create the composite sketch.

Police say the murderer studied his prey, then forced his way into his victims' homes, sexually attacked them and killed them with a knife or cutthroat razor.

Gold conference will bring Nazis' secrets to light

NEXT week some of the last secrets of Hitler's Reich will be brought out of the vaults and archives of Europe and America. when Britain hosts an international conference on the wartime trade in Nazi gold.

Historians, politicians and vic-tims from about 40 countries will investigate the murky wartime dealings of neutral countries, espe-cially Switzerland, with Nazi Germany and try to determine what happened to the gold bars, many smelted from Jewish victims' teeth and jewellery, that were traded for Swiss francs and other

neutral currencies. Robin Cook called the conference, to be held at Lancaster House in London, immediately on becoming Foreign Secretary to clarify old accusations given fresh currency two years ago with the publication of a Foreign Office report. The gold question led to unprecedented soul-searching in Switzerland and the opening of long-dormant secret bank accounts, a boycott of Swiss banks in America and argument over how the remaining 5.5 tonnes of Nazi gold in Britain and America could be shared among some 350,000 surviving Holocaust victims.

Already the conference has stirred up ancient prejudices among the main participants. The Swiss, bewildered by the criticism heaped on them, are determined that the gathering should not point an accusing finger. They have prepared a detailed defence of

Talks in London will study dealings

in 'Holocaust

assets', reports Michael Binyon

their wartime conduct and, while insisting that they do not want to stir up emotions, are ready to cite evidence that America also know-ingly accepted "tainted" gold after the Second World War.

Thomas Borer, the head of the Swiss task force, said his country was going to the conference "optimistic and self-confident". But he gave a warning that if it were pilloried, a popular backlash in Switzerland could scupper proposals for a huge fund to help not only Jews but all victims of oppression. This might be voted down in a referendum, although other Swiss measures, including an historical investigation and a compensation fund set up by Swiss banks, do not need popular approval. The first payment, amounting to £240, was given to an elderly Jewish woman in Riga last week.

He said the most important outcome could be an agreement by all to open the archives. Many suspect there are important, and possibly compromising, docu-ments on the gold trade still in

vited to the conference. Few of these documents will be available. The Vatican, accused of knowingly aiding the transfer of some looted assets, has sealed its records for

The Russians are also unhappy at any extension of the gold question into argument over looted assets. They fear that will fuel demands for the return not only of art taken by the Soviet Army from German state museums but also of art now in Russia that was looted by the Nazis.

The Americans have also suddenly got cold feet. Having been vociferous in denouncing the Swiss and other neutrals. Washington has now realised, to its embarrassment, that its own postwar record opens it to attack by survivors' groups. Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, Indicated months ago that she would attend; now she has said she is too busy and will send instead Stuart Eizenstat, an Under-Secretary of State, who has promoted investigation of the gold question.

The conference is largely the probability of Lord Investigation.

brainchild of Lord Janner, the former Labour MP and chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, who prompted the Foreign Office review of the gold dealings two years ago. The Tripartite Gold Commission, set up in 1946 and run by Britain, France and the United States, has distributed 98.6 per cent of the looted gold it

Pawnbroker's 'war loot' seized

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

FOUR gold bars, dozens of gold teeth, antique jewellery and bun-dies of German marks and US dollars which were removed by Brazilian authorities from a São Paulo bank safe yesterday could be the first Nazi loot found in Brazil.

The opening of the safe at a Banco do Brasil branch in the business capital was ordered by judicial authorities after requests from Nazi-hunters who say that the fortune, which could be worth E24 million in today's money, belonged to German Jewish families. ish gold to Brazil. In 1943, he set up opened by fugitive Nazis.

The assets had been deposited in the safe by a reclusive German pawnbroker, who is also thought to have been a Nazi spy, during and at the end of the Second World War. Albert Blume, who is believed to have come to Brazil in 1938, died 14 years ago and was

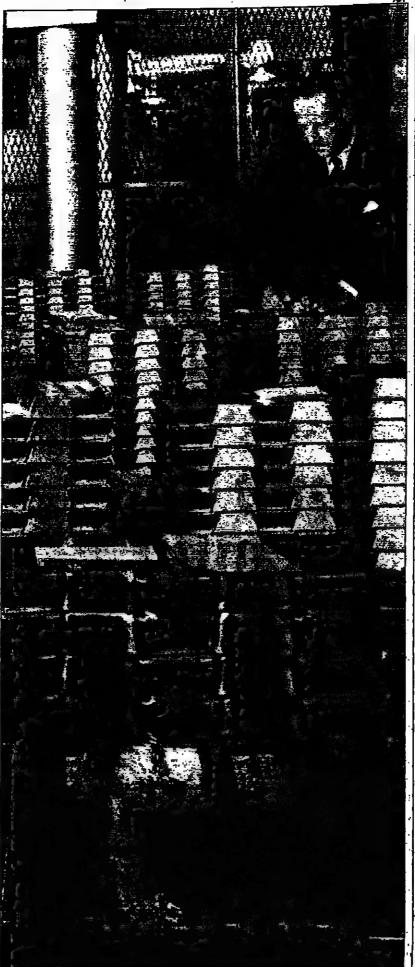
The wealth he had accumulated came under scrutiny when an aged aunt began a long legal battle six years ago to inherit the fortune.

buried in a pauper's grave in São

Nazi hunters say that Blume had acted as an agent for fleeing Nazis who transferred stolen Jewa pawnbroker's shop in a district of São Paulo inhabited mainly by German immigrants and allegedly took "commissions" for the loot he helped to transfer.

It seems that the opening of the safe was ordered because the Government of President Cardoso has recently encouraged an inquiry into Brazil's role as a haven for Nazis and their look

A commission of Jewish community leaders, lawyers and goverrunent officials has been set up to investigate long-held suspicions that millions of pounds are lying in dormant Brazilian accounts



Gold ingots in the Bank of England's vaults photographed soon after the Second World War when bullion was being shipped from Germany

Hungary wins EU pledge from Britain

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BUDAPEST

BRITAIN pushed its crusade for a "people's Europe" into the former Soviet bloc yesterday, promising to use its power to speed Hungary and four neighbours towards membership of the European Union.

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Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said in the Hungarian parliament that Britain would use its six-month presidency of the EU, which starts in January, to give a flying start" to negotiations to bring Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Estonia into the Union. There was no higher pridrity for Britain next year. This is a momentous step and one which Britain supports absolutely,"

EU leaders are due to endorse "the invitation list" at their end-of-year summit next month.

Lazlo Kovacs, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, told Mr Cook that the "grinciple danger" to the emergence of a reunited Europe was delay in the accession of the new states. Budapest was attning to be a member of the EU by 2002, he added. The date is seen in Brussels as highly optimistic, but it fits British projections.

A striking absence from Mr Cook's 25-minute survey of Europe's future was any reference to economic and monetary union. Tony Blair's team casts its enthusiasm for expanding the EU as the natural consequence of its focus on leading Europe away from sterile debate towards "the things that matter to the people", as Mr Cook put it.

He said that these included

stability, prosperity, employ-ment, security and an "out-ward-looking" EU that included co-operation across the whole Continent Pour decades of communist rule were an "abberration" in Central Europe's destiny, Mr Cook said. "Having got rid of the Iron Curtain, we must make sure that we do not replace it with a Velvet Curtain, separating the haves from the have-

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Eurofighter flies on after Bonn parliament dogfight FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN ocrats and the Free Democrats ers. The coalition has a ten-

THE Eurofighter, the controversial combat jet to be built with Britain, Italy, and Spain. was yesterday given the go-ahead by the German parliament, thus clearing its final political hurdle.

tion (Tom Walker writes).

Although it is now more than two years since the Dayton peace accord, Bosnia's nationalist Muslim and Croat leaders stubbornly refuse to drop inflammatory imagery from their preferred designs on anything from banknotes to car number plates. Carlos Westendorp, the High Representative in Bosnia, is so frustrated that he has

road towards being an international protectorate. "We want arbitration powers," said a source in Señor Westendorp's office. "Where there's an impasse and there's an obvious solution on the table, we want to come up with

sought extra powers which would move Bosnia along the

Deadline

for Bosnia

arbitration

Sarajevo: Western mediators in Bosnia have given the country's leaders two weeks in

which to agree to common symbols of state — including a

flag, currency and passport -

or face international arbitra-

binding arbitration." Although the flag is purely symbolic, the lack of a common currency, car registration system and passport impedes freedom of movement and (with a few defections) carried

The vote came after the latest political doglight in the long-running row over the future of the fighter. The fierce parliamentary debate saw Eurofighter's opponents using the issue to try to shoot down. Helmut Kohl's Government. But the need to win next year's elections kept the fronts more or less solid: Social Democrats and Greens voted against, but the governing Christian Dem-

Opposition Social Democrats had openly tried to woo members of Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union

in an effort to produce an embarrassing defeat for the aircraft and the Chancellor. Although Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, expressed confidence that the Eurofighter, which already has Cabinet approval and a secure budger allocation, would go ahead, it was uncertain until the moment of the vote whether the Government would be able to mobilise all its support-

seat majority and many Free Democrats, the junior coalition partners, are openly sceptical. The Eurofighter has come under heavy fire over the past

two months as its critics threw everything into a last-ditch attempt to halt the project. The fundamental problem has less to do with the technical capabilities of the plane than the passage of time. Critics say that, with the end of the Cold War, the fighter project is unnecessary. The most determined arguments have been about shar-

ing work because the clinching case for the plane, amid all the uncertainty, is the creation of jobs: supposedly 18,000 in Germany, most of them in Bavaria which, fortunately, is the home state of Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. It is employment, coupled with a vague sense that the Eurofighter will keep Europe at the technological cutting edge, that yesterday swayed a significant number of otherwise sceptical Social



Arrest after parents see

FROM JEREMY LOVELL IN BRUSSELS

BELGIAN police have arrested a man believed to be part of a paedophile pornography network involving The Netherlands, Belgium and Portugal, the Justice Ministry

said yesterday. The move came after the parents of a 12-year-old boy who disappeared in Berlin. four years ago visited Stefaan De Clerco, the Belgian Justice Minister, to ask him to act. They had recognised the boy in a clip shown on Dutch television of a pornographic video made by two men - one

Dutch, one Belgian. The arrest comes after a campaign by Nelly Maes, a deputy in the Flanders regional government. Clips of another video she had seen were shown on Portuguese

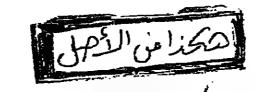
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Dutch, one Belgian, could be seen abusing boys in Mr De Clerco had said he was powerless to act as the

offences had taken place before Belgium introduced a law enabling it to prosecute its nationals for sex crimes committed abroad. But Mrs Mass said some offences took place since then. (Reuters) ☐ Berlin: A German teacher

went on trial yesterday atcused of sexually abusing children as young as three and selling videos and photographs featuring child pornography to clients on a list of 3,500 names. Peter Schnaubelt, 50, who was arrested in Colombia, denied







Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on the latest method of hormone replacement therapy, social phobias, noise-induced hearing loss, new drugs for arthritis, and the importance of early diagnosis in heart disease

Taking the latest HRT treatment to heart

Teresa Gorman

eresa Gorman, the Conservative MP, is known as a keen supporter of HRT. Mrs Gorman, however, is lucky to be living now in Essex rather than 100 years ago in Paris. Hormone replacement is not new. In 1893, a French physician prescribed hormone treatment for women suffering from hot flushes. His remedy was a basic one the ovarian extracts from two sheep were served to the menopausal women each day in a sandwich made of unleavened

Science has come a long way from ovarian sandwiches. The latest form of HRT uses a matrix patch which, when stuck to the skin, delivers a continuous oestrogen and progestogen combined preparation. This method —

the Evorel Conti-transdermal patch - provides adequate hormone levels to treat menopausal symptoms, without the necessity of cyclical vaginal withdrawal bleeding. Because the hormone levels are constant, premenstrual tension, which can be worse. after traditional HRT taken by mouth, than it is in normal periods, is avoided. When the patches are first used, and for the first few

months, there may be spotting, sometimes severe enough to warrant wearing

Of the women interviewed who had used the matrix patch, 22 per cent suffered no bleeding or spotting at any time, and 60 per cent described only minimal bleeding for less than six out of 90 days. in: those in whom the menopause had the bleeding had all finished within threemonths. Fewer than one in ten found that their skin was irritated by the patch. Only 4 per cent noted any weight gain and only 7 per cent complained of changes in mood, or insomnia. Breast tenderness, headaches and unexplained abdominal dis-comfort were noted by some patients but. in general, seven out of ten women who took the new form of HRT said they were well satisfied with it.

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unless patients are post-menopausal and over 50, or have had no periods for one

In general, women take HRT either to avoid any menopausal symptoms, or because they want their health to benefit from the long-term protective effects. HRT restores the oestrogen balance and relieves both short-term and long-term symptoms of the menopause, but it does have its disadvantages. If it is taken cyclically, women continue to experience irregular bleeds. And oestrogen by itself. if not taken in combination with a progestogen hormone for some of the cycle or if the patient has not had a hysterectomy, is more likely to develop cancer of the lining of the

uterus.-Oestrogen in HRT also has a very small effect on the incidence of cancer of the breast, although once the course is discontinued any increase in the danger soon

The problem of cancer in the lining of the uterus is overcome by prescribing a estogen. This is essential for all women who have retained their uterus. In the short term,

oestrogen banishes the hot flushes, night sweats, palpitations, panic attacks and sleeplessness. The pelvic organs, which start to shrink at the menopause. regain their fuliness and flexibility. The vaginal wall becomes thicker and more most, the bladder and the bladder neck become stronger, so that any urinary

Osteoporosis causes weakening of the skeleton after the menopause, so that the thigh bone — the neck of the femur — is more likely to break and the vertebrae may collapse. Their brittle bones can cause women to look round-shouldered and hunched, a problem made worse if the vertebrae collapse.

The emotional changes associated with the menopause are legendary. Women are reputed — unfairly, for some of them may remain unaffected psychologically by the



Party time: for people with a social phobia, the prospect of any festive gathering generates feelings of anxiety and fear

FOR many people, the Christmas party season starts next week. Some guests, however, will already be filled with dread. A recent estimate, published in the journal Prescriber by Dr Katharine Logan and Dr Christopher Freeman, psychiatrists at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, suggests that at some time in their lives, between 28 and

13.3 per cent of people suffer

from a social phobia. The basic fear of people with a social phobia - equally common in men and women — is that they are going to make fools of themselves, and be humiliated in front of others at a social or public gathering. The very sensitive may also fear that if they go to a party they will be unable to join in the festive mood, and will then be as boring as they think they are.

Drs Logan and Freeman suggest that social phobia is the second most common phobia, ranking only after agorapho-

bility, anxiety and loss of libido.

Fear of festivity

bia. In agoraphobia there is a fear of being trapped without an

At a wedding, agoraphobics sit at the back of the church so that they can get out easily, while social phobics sit in a normal pew so that they can slip in or out without attracting criticism from other guests.

The more anxious that social hobics become about being harshly judged, the worse their performance. Public speaking can be excruciating. In some cases, social phobia is merely part of a more generalised psychiatric disorder termed secondary social phobia: in others, It is primary and the patient has no other problems.

Just as social phobia is differentiated from agoraphobia, so those patients who suffer from it have to be distinguished from those who are abnormally shy or have an avoidant personality disorder. Those with an avoidant personality disorder often feel so inferior they avoid all social occasions.

Most patients with agorapho-bia have had troubles since childhood and their behaviour as they grow older is determined by habits and standards learnt at that time, whereas patients with social phobia can even remember when it started: often in late adolescence or early adulthood.

Treatment for social phobia is a combination of drugs and psychotherapy. Most commonused drugs are probably one of the ever-increasing band of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, such as Seroxat,

Faverin, Prozac, Dutonin and Lustral. The Edinburgh doctors prefer as a first choice either the monoamine oxidase inhibitors. such as Nardil, but these involve dietary restrictions. Moclobemide Manerix is a satisfactory alternative, with fewer side-effects than Nardil.

Public speakers often find a beta-blocker helpful, particularly if their anxiety produces a quavering voice or a shaking hand. There is a general view that taking the occasional benzodiazepine. such as Frisium, is better than relying on alcohol as nerve-calmer, but addiction can form with either.

People with social phobias also benefit by psychotherapy, which tries to explain the condition and to reassure patients that they are not the only ones sweating with anxiety on any public occasion and that many others are also longing to be at home, away

Loud music and tinnitus

PRESIDENT Clinton's polities kept him out of the army so that the sound of gunfire, aircraft or heavy machinery, which had deafened many of his American contemporaries. is not the cause of his noiseinduced hearing loss. His hearing was irretrievably damaged by loud music in small, crowded rooms.

The President is now wearing hearing aids in both ears. Severe noise-induced hearing loss is usually helped by aids whatever the cause. An enthusiasm for noisy music and a love of music clubs is now a frequent cause of deafness

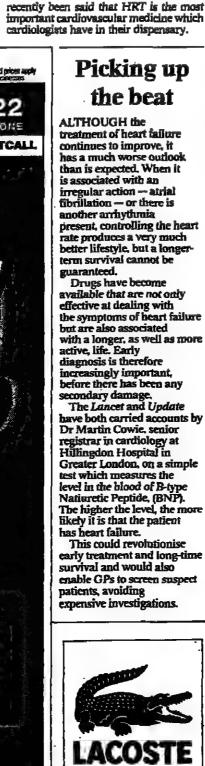
The President started going deaf while a student, but once it becomes established it usually becomes progressively worse. Once deafness has started, it is very important to protect the ears from sounds greater than 85 decibels. The amount of inconvenience hearing loss causes depends on the frequencies that have been affected, but however the narrow the initial band, as time goes on these frequencies extend and the nuisance becomes greater. This type of deafness is often assixiated with tinnitus.

Mobility costs less

A RECENT conference at Stanford University in Califormia was given data on the relative safety of the different drugs in the Nsaid group. Many patients with arthritic conditions owe their mobility and pain-free nights to these preparations, but a high num-ber has to pay a price with gastro-intestinal bleeding, ulceration or perforation of the stomach or intestines.

Sixteen different drugs were evaluated. Two of the drugs, Relifex nabumetone and Lodine etodolac, are avallable here and in the cases reviewed there were no serious side-effects either. Relifex and Lodine compared very favourably with indo-methacin, naproxen and diclofenac. Whereas those taking Relifex and Lodine had no major problems, there were 38 in those taking naproxen, 28 in those taking indomethacin, 12 taking diciofenac and 74 taking aspirin. The figures are mislead-ing as the length of time the patient took each drug vary, but however the statistics were reviewed, the manufac-





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Damian Whitworth with the suit he will fight for, Elton is keeping the muff

hink Elton John. Come on, quickly now, what is the first thought that pops into your head when you read the name? At this moment it's probably his performance of Candle in the Wind '97 at Westminster Abbey. But after that? Fur-rimmed specs? Two-foot-high wigs? Platform boots? The most garish suits created so far for

We think of Elton John and we think of his outlandish clothes. That is because Elton never stops thinking about his clothes. This is a man who makes peacocks look self-effacing, who would have left Joseph feeling distinctly drab and underdressed in his Technicolo dreamcoat.

Elton parades through life as if it is a fancy-dress pageant, and wherever he parades, he shops. He can buy more suits in an afternoon than most of us wear in a lifetime. His closets are bigger than many people's homes. Now he has decided to

have a clear-out. Three years ago Elton opened a temporary charity shop. Out of the Closet, in London, and flogged off 2,000 items from his wardrobe to benefit his Aids Foundation. This time round he is doing things on a rather grander scale. Just quite what a mind-boggling scale only

became apparent when he invited The Times to his home for a preview.

Sadly, Elton was still on his way back from the United States when we called at

his sprawling red-brick mansion outside Windsor. But he had hinted at the size of the wardrobes that awaited. "If I have one addiction left in my life these days, it's shopping," he said. "I just love buying Even his sweeping driveway indicates

that he is not given to understatement, lined as it is with neo-classical sculptures of men of the Adonis ilk. Inside, languid nudes in oils gaze down from large canvasses. Whole walls are covered in eold and platinum discs. And there a dogs everywhere. Elton has 13 in all. including eight affectionate border terriers. The book of 1,000 baby names on a shelf in the kitchen no doubt helps in christening additions to the pack.

We had been told that the clothes he was selling were only those he had accumulated over the past three years. As we sipped tea with Jenny, his housekeeper of 21 years, we tried to calculate just how

many clothes we were talking about. Given his self-confessed clothes habit, it seemed plausible that three years of clobber would be the equivalent, perhaps, to the amount accumulated by the



Camping it up in the grounds: the gardeners seemed used to the spectacle

My brief encounter in Elton's closet

Elton John is selling 10,000 items of clothing at his charity shop tomorrow. Damian Whitworth enjoyed a preview



Rock and roll sells its sole: Elton's size-eights include metallic Versace boots

average pop star in a career. Jenny smiled quietly to herself. A notice that Elton has stuck on the kitchen board should have suggested to us that we were dealing with a man who has something as soon as he sees it. It reads: "Of course I need it today. If I wanted it tomorrow I'd order it

sale at Eliton's new London shop from tomorrow, have been assembled from his various houses around the world. We were led to the garages where they were being sorted out. There was, apparently, no room to accommodate them all in the



sculptures of muscular men, and spacious enough for a couple of families. It was jammed with clothes racks. Children could have attempted to start expeditions to Namia here but given up exhausted after wading through the racks for hours, only to find more rails groating under the weight of creations by Versace, Prada, Yves Saint Laurent, Donna Karan, Richard James and Alexander McOueen.

Robert Key, a friend of Elton's of many ars and a co-director of the Aids Foundation, was supervising the pricing of garments. He had his work cut out. Elton had selected between 8,000 and 10.000 items.

The truth dawned. Taking into account that other clothes were not being sold, this meant that Elton had bought, on average, at least ten items of clothing a day for the past three years. Given that some days must be non-shopping days, it was difficult to imagine what an Elton shopping trip was like.

"He's great fun to be with as a person," says Mr Key slowly. "But shopping with him, it's hard to keep up. It seems that he's

"He hasn't worn it all, but it's quite surprising how much he has worn You've got to remember that he's always touring and travelling and has to think of performances and interviews. He'll see something and buy it in four or five colours. If he wears a shirt for a TV

interview, that's it, it's gone." This might sound fantastically frivolous if it wasn't for the clear-outs. Elton says he loves "knowing that all my purchases will ultimately be recycled to rause money fo charity".

He supports the fashion industry by buying a Versace suit for £2,000, and enjoys the acts of purchasing and wearing. Then a member of the public buys it for £200 and gets a bargain, and the money goes to charity. The clothes for the sale are indeed

absurdly priced. As well as immaculate designer suits from £175-£300, overcosts are similarly priced and untold numbers of shirts will sell for around £50. The silk scarves and baseball caps are cheaper, as



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'I'd prefer a porcelain exhibition to a rock show'

only one vice: shopping. And it appears that in the death of Gianni Versace he lost not only a soulmate but also a muse who guided his.

buying sprees.
"I'd rather go to a porcelain exhibition than a rock concert," he said recently. "In Italy Gianni used to take me to see these beautiful homes, these beautiful things which normally you wouldn't see. He would tell me all about them, educate me. I'm going to miss that." The great consumer was speaking on the Oprah Winfrey show. Almost as striking as his reinvention as a drug-free rock survivor is his retreat, in material terms, from the saturation kitsch of a

latter-day Liberace to the restrained opulence of his new-ly refurbished English homes. Versace may at times have been as much a rival as a guide. He once boasted that he could spend \$3 million in two hours, telling The New Yorker. "I go shopping one day in Paris buying things for my house in Miami. That night I come back home and I

see the figure I spent. Oh, I

Still, it is hard not to see his influence in Elton's surround-

ings. Where jukeboxes, pin-ball machines and outlandish teddy bears were once the backdrop for cocaine-fuelled parties, there are now Gainsboroughs, Venetian Old Masters and costly caches of Meissen china. His huge spectacles are now more often sold for Aids relief than worn.

Long before the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, finally legitimised public tears, Elton John was one of its most flamboyant advocates. He calls himself a melancholy person and considers crying healthy. He wept buckets at the Versace funeral in Milan, with a consoling Princess at his side. But when the Princess died he seems to have coped by being the stoic grown-up - a role for which he thanks his sobriety.
"Seven years ago I don't think I would have

been able to handle it," he said, recalling a turning point that came during a therapy session when his then boyfriend called him. accurately, a bulimic drug addict. He promptly checked into a spartan shared room in the rehabilitation wing of a Chicago hospital and

THE NEW, sober Elton John will confess to only one vice: shopping. And it appears that in thing was thinking that I could soive everything myself," he continued. "I thought, 'I'm intelligent, I'm wealthy, I'm successful. I can do this.' I couldn't, For 16 years I couldn't say I needed help. As soon as I said that I was away. and thanks to those seven years of clean time I think I've handled the two deaths very well I've been able to comfort those I love whose loss is more than mine."

He was never more impressively composed than when singing his new version of Candle in the Wind at the Princess's funeral. "I switched off," he said. "I had to." I wanted to

sing it beautifully for her, for the public and the family. With that amount of audience you've got to draw on all your experience. You just have to grit your teeth."

Candle in the Wind, besides selling nine million copies, marked the creative high point of John's year. His new album, The Big Picture, has been less well received. (It "plods through painfully flowered ballads until all colour and fragrance are lost", one critic wrote.) The record appeared two weeks after a rare florry of American tele-

vision appearances by the

singer. He barely mentioned it on air, no doubt wary of being seen to profit from public interest in his performance at the funeral. Instead, he plugged a documentary on his life and style by David Furnish, his partner of four years. As he told another interviewer recently, he wanted an honest film: "One where people will say 'She was an absolute cow." "She", of course, is Elton John, and in Ms Winfrey's Chicago confessional his hones-

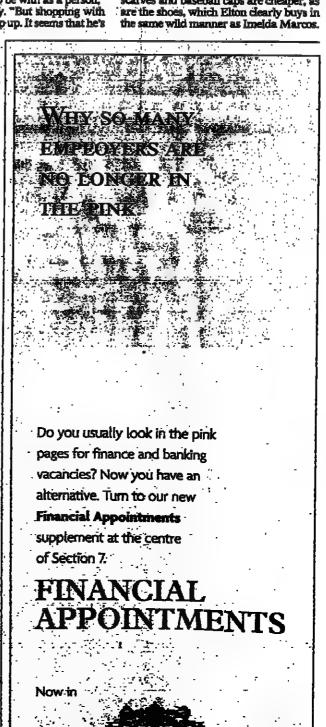
ty became him. He spoke bluntly of a 1984 suicide attempt before his short-lived marriage to a German sound technician: "I got absolutely smashed, went home, got very depressed, stuck my head in the gas oven and left all the windows open."

He said that his new hairstyles are h

weaves and that he would like to kill thin

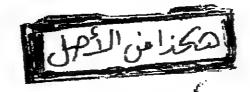
people who can eat what they like. His departed friends would have loved to hear him

add that people matter more than things. GILES WHITTELL



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You might not wish to be knocked down by a bus while wearing the Versace boxers, although drivers are guaranteed to swerve at the sight of the chequered suit, original cost £2,000, but on sale tomorrow at the bargain price of £200

His size-eights were too small for me, but a pair of blue suede Versace loafers with a strap inside the back were ideal. These only emerged when, after sorting through a mountain of footwear, Key went for a rummage in the "shoe room" in the main

house. They, normally retail at around 1250 but will be going for £35 tomorrow along with dozens of other pairs.

A touch disappointingly, the days of the virtually unwearable platform boots seem to have passed. Such trademarks are missing from the sale, and so are the. wacky glasses and the extraordinary galleon topped periwin that he sported for his 50th birthday party.

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The individual pricing was taking some time. At each rack the Aids Foundation volunteers found outfits they just had to try on. For me too, a man who owns six suits at a push, it was too much to resist. A morning was lost in the world's biggest

dressing up box.

Mr Key says that although much of the gear has been worn by Elton in concert, he had been less outlandish in his choice of attire in recent years. Nevertheless, there were still many highly exuberant styles. With at least half of the offerings designed by Elton's late friend, Gianni Versace, this was hardly surprising.

I was particularly taken with the

'At each of the racks, the velvet Versace rainbow-coloured suit with matchvolunteers found outfits ing waistcost, a they just had to try on' scarlet, floral embroidered shirt and blue suede

loafers. Ideal for

loafers. Ideal for brightening up a long day reporting on a High Court case, or parting the sea of pinstripes at a City reception.

A black and white chequered suit, also by Versace, must have been bought during a tubbler period for Elion. The trouses were significantly looser and

needed one of his extravagant gold belts to keep them up. Considering that Elton is, at most, of average

we say, well covered, and I am a touch over 6ft tall and skinny, it was surprising how many of Elton's clothes did fit. Often the trousers

and sleeves were too short but rooting about turned up some good fits.

Between changes I became quite attached to wearing a luturious, black

Versace dressing gown, though the cravat perhaps jarred with the baseball cap. My favourite headgear, a little tight cap bedecked with tiny bunches of bananas and a sash, was not for sale. Neither was the muff that appeared to have been constructed from the greater part of an

entire pheasant.

The gardeners batted not an eyelid at our japes, which by the end were getting a height and, shall little silly. The gambols around the grounds in nothing but Versace boxer shorts and a huge fake-fur coat are best forgotten, though sadly, I fear. The Times photographer thinks differently. Much more my style was the Harris

morning and anyone who tries to beat me to it will have a fight on their hands. Elton, meanwhile, is clearly busily restocking already. In his kitchen a huge carrier bag from Joseph stood waiting his return, the contents destined, some time

tweed suit by Richard James, which

would fit beyond all my previous sartorial

dreams after a little alteration. I shall be

in the queue at Elton's shop tomorrow

bargain-hunter's wardrobe. Out of the Closet 2, opens Warn tomorrow, at 34 Dover Street. WI, and will be open Monday-Saturday, Ham-7pm until December 20. All proceeds to the Elton John Aids Foundation.

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I will plead guilty to foolishness, but never to fraud

Jack Lyons rues the day that he became involved in the Guinness affair. Today he is still searching

for answers as to why he ended up in court

lifteen years ago, I showed around an office building I owned near Marble Arch. The bright young man in the buttondown shirt represented an American company of which I had never heard. He intrigued me, for unlike others who had seen the building, his main concern was locating computers on every desk and how the cables to connect them all together could be accommodated.

These were the days, not so very long ago, before the personal computer had infiltrated every aspect of our lives, and I recogenergy about this company seemed to mirror the mood of the time. A Conservative Government was very much in power and a sense of enterprise to prove a fateful day. The company to whom I would become landlord, and for whom I was subsequently persuaded, reluctantly, to play the role of

éminence grise, was Bain & Co, the American management consultants who were intent on doing for Irish stout what they had aiready done for the Hershey chocolate har.

Until then I had always understood that "Guinness is Good For You". Unfortunately, my personal experience is quite different and I have had more than ten years to reflect on the events, and to regret my part in them.

I had just celebrated my 70th birthday when Bain asked me to help Ernest Saunders, the marketing wizard from Nestlė whom the Guinness board had appointed to transform the fortunes of the trish brewing group and who later set his sights on the scotch whisky industry

Some will argue, perhaps with justification, that I was old enough and experienced enough to know better, and that I should never have allowed myself to become entangled in the

To these people I respond by saying that it didn't feel much like an "affair" at the time. And I am not sure, even after the passage of more than ten years. some of which were sadly spent in prison by three of those involved, that things have changed very much.

If my apparent lack of remorse appears shocking, let me try to

explain.
The Guinness bid for Distillers was of course opportunistic. audacious and arrogant. But history has proved in spades just how right it was, and the shareholders of Guinness and Distillers, together with the companies' employees, have had good reason to be thankful to those who made it happen. However, as the report of the DTI inspectors who were ap-pointed to investigate the bid will today point out, some aspects of

some, it is argued, broke the law. Guinness's bid, although recommended by the board of Distillers, had to compete with an offer from Argyll, the Safeway supermarkets group. Both companies were offering their own shares, rather than cash. Distillers' shareholders therefore had to choose between alternative offers whose compararrive value changed hourly in line with movements in the share price of both companies. It is no secret that both Argyll and Guinness were active in supporting the price of their own shares and, as today's report also shows, each was involved in depressing the share price of the other. This activity came as little surprise to those involved in the

bid. The City's leading stockbrokers, merchant bankers and corporate lawyers had all seen it before, and they took it in their blow of a Monopolies and Merg-ers reference of the Guinness bid and resolve which was ultimate-

was addressed with the same down-to-earth determination to deliver success. And it was in respect of the reference that my political contacts were successfully called in to play, much to the gratitude of the Guinness board, if not the DTI inspectors,

'I have had more

than ten years to

reflect on events,

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impressed by my achievements. All of us involved with the bid

worked hard. Each day merged

with the next, with a few hours of

sleep snawhed in between. The

DTI inspectors seem to have

formed the view that the whole

thing was a calculated breeze. I.

for instance, am credited with

having provided the "occasional

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ry is very different. And the inspectors seem to have forgot-

ten completely that the huge fees

which were offered reflected

success. Failure would not have

heart of the problem. We all had

our heads down, intent on

winning. In charge of the process

was a man who met, in every

respect, the Shavian definition of

the "unreasonable man" -

In our anxiety to win. perhaps

we all did forget the rules, presupposing that we knew

progress is impossible.

And this, perhaps, was at the

been rewarded.

Ten years ago, I could questions when I was asked them by my child-ren. Today, all too painfully, I am being asked the same questions by my grandchildren, and am still bereft of

them in the first place. If they

paid the price, for few of the

distinguished names which

graced the Guinness "War Cabi-

net" have escaped devastation of

In my eighty second year, I find myself surveying the pages of a report which depicts the

actions of another age, and which includes several deeply

uncomfortable references to

my behaviour. Some are uncom-fortable because they are false;

past ten years when I have not asked myself the question Why? Why did I allow myself

to become involved? Why did I

fail to confirm whether these

Guinness lawyers not tell us that

they weren't? And why, if such

comprehensive breaches of the

rules took place, were only some

of the professionals, the men

whose job it was to know the

rules, prosecuted success-

others because they are true. Not a day has passed in the

> I simply do not believe that my actions were criminal and, in the seemingly endless search for truth, I continue to spend a great deal of time and a corresponding amount of money in pursuing this matter through the courts. I am. however. prepared to plead guilty to

As a 70-year-old who from the hands-on manwas unquestionably flattered to be playing a leading role in the biggest takeover fight in British corporate history. Per-

haps puffed-up with a sense of my own importance, and hindered by a lack of familiarity with the rules and regulations of the day, I allowed myself uncritically to enjoy the excitement of the chase and to profit from its

in the years since, I have had cause every day not just to regret, but also to appreciate the continuing support and kindness of my dear wife, my family and my friends around the world. Thankfully, I know from personal experience that any headlines from today's revelations will be condemned to the same fate as this article - supporting the weight of tomorrow's fish and chips. My only prayer is that soon I will be able to put this ghastly business behind me and get on with what is left of

Pure Genius? Pure Poison?

Jack Lyons, who was knighted for his services to charity and the arts, became embroiled in the Guinness/Distillers scandal through his advisory role with the leading consultancy firm, Bain & Co. His part in the illegal share support operation that enabled Guinness to take over Distillers brought him to trial in 1990. He was fined 53 million and stripped of his



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The death of trust

are on the march. Next month a Private Member's Bill promoting "doctor-as-sisted dying" will be briefly debated in Parliament. The Government has already made it clear that it does not support the legalisation of euthanasia. But the law forbidding it has already been weakened by the courts, and it could be further undermined by Law Commission proposals on mental incepacity on which the

Government is soon to consult. Contemporary morality tends to elevate the right to choose above every other value. It finds offensive the traditional teaching on the sancti-ty of human life which has been part of common morality in Western societies. This outlook is having many profound effects. It has desensitised many people to the evil of abortion. It has also predisposed

Euthanasia aims at ending a life judged to be no longer worth living, either because of suffering, or because of presumed poor "quality".

The aim is accomplished either by a direct action, such as administering a lethal injection, or by depriving a person of medical treatment orordinary care in order to bring about death. An essential defining charactexistic of eathanasia is the intention to end life, that is, to kill.

It is therefore completely different when a doctor uses drugs in order to alleviate pain, even when doing so may hasten death as a foreseen result. The doctor's intention is not to kill, but to relieve pain. It serves the advocates of euthanasia to obscure this distinction. Some reports of the Annie Lindsell case in the High Court a few weeks ago seemed to suggest that a victory had been won for euthanasia. Ms Lindsell, terminally ill from motor neurone disease, sought a declaration from the court that her doctor could legally adminis-ter pain relief even if the drugs shortened her life. In fact no declaration was needed, or given. Both the law and, indeed, morality have always permitted doctors to adminis-ter palliative drugs to alleviate the symptoms of terminally ill patients, even if death is hastened as an

Efforts to introduce legislation to allow active exthanasia (such as giving a lethal injection), or assisted suicide (such as leaving lethal pills for the patient to take themselves), have so far failed in this country. There is a risk, however, that euthanasia could enter by the back door as a result of certain court As Parliament once again prepares

to debate euthanasia, Cardinal

Basil Hume issues a warning

posals. These appear to sanction not active but passive euthanasia, that is

withdrawal or denial of treatment. Clearly, life need not be preserved at all costs when a person is already dying. Medical treatment, though not basic nursing care, can and should be withdrawn (after appropriate consultation and agreement when it is futile or imposes an excessive burden on the patient. To allow a person to imminent and inevitable, a person can morally refuse

can morally refuse treatment that would only secure a precarious and burdensome prolongation of life. Such a refusal is not the same as suicide, but simply an accep-tance of the imminence of death.

But what if death. is neither imminent nor inevitable? Sup-

pose a doctor were to withhold insulin from a young, unconscious diabetic with the intention of bringing about death, because the doctor thought the patient's life to be not worth living. That would be passive enthanasia. If the doctor were deliberately to withhold insulin in order to assist in carrying out the patient's previously declared wish to end his life, it would be assisted spicide.

Court judgments, such as that in the Tony Bland case, already appear to permit passive euthanasia in certain situations. Furthermore, the Government is about to consult on Law Commission recommendations to overhaul the law relating to decision-making in respect of mental-ly-incapacitated adults. As drafted, these proposals would appear to ensurine in statute some of the disturbing precedents already set by the courts. They appear to be so widely drawn as to permit the withdrawal of treatment in certain circumstances not only on the basis that it is futile where death is imminent or inevitable, but even in order to terminate life because that person's life is judged by others

to be no longer worth living.

Additionally, the Law Commission proposals would appear to give statutory force even to suicidallymotivated advance refusals of medical treatment. Although suicide has been decriminalised, assisting a per-son to commit suicide is still a

criminal offence. So it should remain. The Government is right to consult on the Law Commission proposals. Whatever their other merits, they must be amended to passure that euthanasia and assisted suicide rewithdrawal

irealmeni. If passive emba-There is now a masia were to gain statutory, accep-tance, pressure for the decriminarisk that euthanasia lisation of active cuthanasia would could enter by increase. If it were acceptable for docthe back door tors deliberately to bring about death

by omission, why not by an act? Would it not be kinder to dispatch patients by a swift lethal injection rather than subject them to a lingering death by disease or thirst? There is every likelihood that a law

permitting authanasia even in limited circumstances would, as with abortion, lead to a more widespread practice. In The Netherlands 13 years ago the courts declared active enthanasia lawful in certain circumstances. Although the Dutch guidelines require an explicit request from the patient, many thousands of patients have had their lives terminated without and their lives terminated. nated without explicit request, and recent decisions of Dutch courts have declared lawful the killing of babies with disabilities. The Dutch experience confirms that once it is allowed that doctors (or others) may judge whether a human life is worth living. (as they inevitably do in carrying out voluntary cuthanasia) non-voluntary cuthanasia inexorably follows. Indeed, if patients can benefit by being killed, is it reasonable to deprive them of that benefit because they are incapable of asking for it?

There would be other serious.

consequences if our society were to

legalise euthanasia. One disturbing effect would be to devalue the contribution which older people and the disabled have to make. The sense that they were unwanted, a burden to their families and a cost to society, would undermine their self-worth. Today's right to die would become omorrow's duty to die.

The doctor-patient relationship would be corroded. Patients, who are often in any case extremely vulnerable, have to be able to trust their doctors. They cannot easily do so unless they can be confident that doctors will never be disposed to kill them, and that doctors have no warrant to ask whether they are worth caring for or treating.

Moreover, the humane motive to develop truly compassionate and effective approaches to the care of the suffering and the dying would be cost-effective" option. A substantial part of the hospital resources of the NHS are spent on patients in their iast years of life. The economic attractions of cuthanasia are obvious. It would be a dangerous and insid-

So too is the demand for spare organs. For instance, it has recently been argued that patients in a persistent vegetative state should be given lethal injections (rather than dying as a result of the withdrawal of treatment) so that their organs may be used for others.

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Te should note that in 1994 the House of Lords Select Committee on Medical Ethics unanimously opposed the legalisation of active enthanasia. It concluded that: Society's prohibition of intentional killing ... is the cornerstone of law and of social relationships. It protects each one of us impartially, embody-ing the belief that all are equal.... The death of a person affects the lives of others, often in ways and to an extent which cannot be foreseen. We believe that the issue of euthanasia is one in which the interest of the individual cannot be separated from the interest of society as a whole."

Advocates of euthanasia often trade on the fear of pain, suffering and death. But in recent advances in palliative care and effective pain relief, and especially the growth of the hospice movement, have all contributed a great deal to affirming the dignity of people in every phase of life and to help them to die at peace Killing a person can never be the way to respect human life.

Lunch crunch

IS there life in the old hound yet? Alan Clark, the magnificent former Defence Minister, fell into conversation yesterday with the equally admired Lauren Booth, half-sister of Cherie. According to Miss Booth, a 28-year-old former model, the energetic MP asked her to lunch. To this proposal, she says she gave her consent. They met at the Highland Park/Speciator Parliamentarian of the Year awards at the Savoy. Conversation flowed. Now this charmer of the Tory benches assured old-

fashioned moralists when he returned to Parliament in May that his roving days were through, yet he retains a certain confidence. "Sometimes I look incredible," he told my colleague, Valerie Grove recently. So did Miss Booth concur? "He looked more crumpled than I expected."

Clark scored rather higher than that other Tory heartthrob Michael Portillo, whom Miss Booth, daughter of the actor Tony Booth, met at the same lunch. I tried the old masonic handshake," she suggested, "but got no spark back."

Her attentions, it would seem, are directed elsewhere. The son of John Prescott, David, cropped up in conversation. "Now he," she drawled "is really tasty."

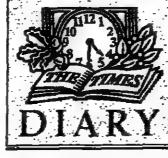
● PRIZE for the sharpest remark



Jenkins of Hillhead. After John Redwood's muscular speech, Ray muttered: "He is the Tories Tessa. Blackstone," before stalking out.

Sure, Shirl

OVER lunch with Mo Mowlam. Northern Ireland Secretary, and at yesterday's lunch goes to Lord Frank Johnson, The Speciator's



mercurial Editor, talk turned to terrorism. "We have often been described as the political wing of the Conservative Party." said Frank of his magazine. "And it has been suggested to us that we should decommission some of our articles." The theme was taken up by Miss Mowlam. She disclosed that she "ran away" from her security guards when first elected but since then has been accompanied wherever she goes. "My security guards begin every sentence with 'surely not Secretary of State. I now call them both Shirley."

• THE Commons had a preval feel on Tuesday night. Liberal Democrats barrelled in for an evening vote in black tie. having attended their Parliamentary Ball at English Patient star, and lain

the Dorchester. Not all were in convivial mood. One had been ordered to hire evening dress from Moss Bros. "Bloody outrageous that we are propping up the class system wearing these clothes." grumbled the proles champion.

Wakey, wakey

WAS it the alarm clock, or could it be a soub? Peter Lilley was to appear on Radio 5 Live yesterday morning. But as Nicky Campbell's phone in began, there was no sign of him. Luckily, hardworking John Redwood agreed to do a phone link. Litley's secretary was keen to take the blame. There was a mixup. Peter thought he had been booked for the night before."

● A READER who has just bought a pager for his wife was surprised when it burst into life with a message intended for a Labour MP: Chancellor to shake up tax and benefits. Whips want MPs to back cuts to lone parent benefits."

Double take RALPH FIENNES, the handsome

Sproat, one of the few ministers to emerge with much credit from the last Government, may make an unlikely pair. But both share a passion for Alexander Pushkin.

They are working on separate projects to mark the bicentenary of the Russian writer's birth. Fiermes is co-producing and starring in a film version of the author's classic, Eugene Onegin, while Sproat, who sadly lost his seat last May, heads the editorial board that is translating all the Russian's works for the first time into English. The first four volumes and the film are due to be released in 1999, "We are looking to see if there is any way we can be of mutual help," explains Sproat, who met Fiennes recently. We might try to co-ordinate the publication of the books with the film." Could this he the start of something: Frennes the minister. Sproat the film star?

● PADDY ASHDOWN, the admirable Liberal Democras leader. has sent rather cross e-mail messages to underlings complaining that the party has not capitalised on its Winchester triumph. Why, he wanted to know, was the story no longer receiving coverage? You did jolly well. Paddy, but the last drop of victory has been drunk.



Doomed comance actors Anna Wojcikiewicz and Huw Garmon

Can we shoot that again, loves?

THE MAKERS of a film chronicling the true story of two lovers torn apart by the Second World War received a surprise as their opus was about to receive its. premiere. Bride of War tells how John Elwyn Jones, a Welsh Guard in a Polish PoW camp, talls for Celinka, a local girl. After a secret marriage, Elwyn Jones escapes, and, back in Wales, is told that Celinka had died of TB. Elwyn Jones himself has spent the past

five decades believing this poignant end to the film to be the truth. But Celinka's son has just popped up to reveal that she had not perished. Rather, she lived in Poland until her death seven years ago, swearing that the Communist regime had prevented her contacting her husband. A producer gasped: "We will have to seriously consider giving the film a new ending."

JASPER GERARD

Labour offers peace to private

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NEW SCHOOL TIES

Labour's plans to bridge the educational divide

Under Tony Blair, the Labour Party's attitudes to many aspects of society have described a parabola from downright hostility through silent denial to wary or even enthusiastic acceptance. Free enterprise, toprate taxpayers and nuclear weapons have now been joined by private schools in the list of things that Labour loved to hate but now tolerates. Yesterday the schools minister; Stephen Byers, inspired a warmer reception from an association of private school heads than his predecessor. Emily Blatch, won from the same audience in the same venue four years ago.
In its 1983 manifesto, Labour promised to

abolish private schools. Advised that such a policy would be illegal under European law, the party then chose to ignore and despise them in equal measure. As recently as 1995, David Blunkett, now Education Secretary. suggested imposing VAT on school fees. The policy lasted only from breakfast to lunch, when Mr Blair insisted on a retraction. Now Mr Byers has drawn back even from the threat to withdraw charitable status from independent schools.

The party retains some old animosities: the abolition of assisted places was as much about class envy as saving money. Mr Blunkett, along with Gordon Brown, still resents the disproportionate number of places that private school pupils win at Oxford and Cambridge. But Mr Byers' speech suggested that the Government is more concerned now with levelling up the state sector than penalising the private one.

At the Girls' Schools Assocation, he poured forth a torrent of warm words. "The time has come," he said, "for old prejudices to be buried." He reassured the heads by insisting: "It is not part of this Government's agenda to encourage the Charity Commission to withdraw charitable status from independent schools." He praised the private sector's high educational standards. But he made it clear that the excellence seen there could be more widely disseminated. Private schools already have a long, if unrecognised, tradition of opening their doors to the wider community. Eton is one of several with links to state schools.

Now, though, the Government is encouraging more bridges to be built between the two sectors. State school pupils could study some A level subjects, such as Latin and Russian, at local private schools. The independents could host summer schools to coach them for Oxbridge entrance. Teachers could be exchanged, and trained in private classrooms. As a gesture of good intent, the Government is offering £500,000 (half of which comes from a benefactor, Peter Lampl) to finance pilot projects next year.

There are clear educational benefits to the state school pupils involved. But what is in it for the private schools? Despite Mr Byers' assurance that these schemes must be voluntary and should not be allowed to compromise educational standards, many schools will oblige out of political prudence. The Government will be watching their response, and a churlish reluctance now might spell trouble later.

They may find, though, that opening their doors benefits their own pupils too. The lack of understanding between young people of different backgrounds is exaggerated by their physical separation. A child at a private school, who is driven everywhere and lives in an expensive house, may rarely come across a contemporary from a working-class

A little more social mixing might break down the hostility. But both sides need to cooperate. Some private schools complain that their local authorities and state schools want nothing to do with them - and even bar them access from public libraries and public health schemes. If Mr Byers wants these partnership schemes to work, he must also address the attitudes of those who have most

WHITE-WASHING WINNIE

The ANC must not stop Mrs Mandela coming to trial

The most extraordinary occasion of postapartheid South Africa will shortly reach its climax. Throughout this week, numerous witnesses — 43 in total — have appeared before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to outline the case against Winnie Madikizela-Mandela. It can safely be assumed that many more would have been brought in front of Archbishop Desmond candidate for the post of ANC Deputy Tutu and his team were it not for the climate :: of fear that surrounds these events. The brutal murder of 14-year-old Stompie Moeketsi Seipei has been pinned directly on. Mrs Mandela. She has also been accused of involvement in several more murders and numerous instances of assault and torture.

The most compelling figure has been Katiza Cebukhulu who, at considerable personal risk, returned to South Africa and spoke against Mrs Mandela. His story illustrates an important second aspect of this tragic saga, the means by which critical individuals were deterred from offering testimony at Mrs Mandela's original trial in 1991. Several senior ANC members seem to have been implicated in a conspiracy to spirit Mr Cebukhulu away to Zambia. As a result, Mrs Mandela was charged only with kidnapping and ultimately avoided a custodial sentence. Some of those who sought to pervert the course of justice then, have seats at the Cabinet table today.

It is not clear why these grave matters are now with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. That body was established to investigate human rights abuses conducted under apartheid and in the context of that system and the struggle against it. The killing of children would conventionally be seen as a criminal matter for the courts. The Commission has the power to make certain recommendations to the police. Archbishop Tutu should be requesting a new trial.

This outcome is far from certain. It may not be in the interests of the ANC leadership. Its chief concern is the party conference next month at which Mrs Mandela will be a President. If elected, she would probably become South African Deputy President two years later. Nelson Mandela and his supporters know that this would be a disaster. The ANC strategy therefore is to use the Commission to air the charges against Mrs Mandela and undermine her credibility. They hope that will be enough to stop her.

This political objective is not matched by a passion for justice. If Mrs Mandela came to trial there would be many awkward questions. How much did the hierarchy of the ANC know about her alleged reign of terror in Soweto? Who decided that she should be saved from imprisonment six years ago? The ANC want Mrs Mandela to lose next month and then disappear as a political figure. It is uncertain that they will achieve their first aim and exceptionally unlikely that they will realise the second ambition.

The best hope for the truth does not lie with either Archbishop Tutu or President Mandela. It may instead rest with Baroness Nicholson, who has protected and provided safe haven for Mr Cebukhulu. She has said that she would help bring a private prosecution if the funds were forthcoming. All those who wish South Africa well must hope that she succeeds.

DANDY IN THE WIND

Or the crocodile rocker shedding his skins

as its Tinkerbell, is clearing out his wardrobe. As our correspondent Damian Whitworth reports in our feature pages, it is a task more testing than clearing the Augean Stables. Elton boasts more designer labels than Harvey Nichols but unlike the Knightsbridge frock shop, he is selling them all at knock down prices. Elton's exercise is no mere spring clean but a comprehensive stripping: he's casting off the Full Monty. If, however his shedding of threads were, Full Monty style, accompanied by music it would have to be Goodbye Yellow Kitsch Clothes.

There will be those whose nose turns up at the thought of slipping into suits, let alone boxer-shorts, which once swaddled the Watford warbler's ample frame. But if there is a thread running through the Englishman's wardrobe it is the ubiquity of secondhand clothes. No Oxford undergraduate would risk a Commen ball without the battle-hardened Full Dinner Jacket of his forefathers. Evening dress isn't evening dress without ancestral claret stains on the barathea. On the moors the gun, which must be acquired from a kindly relative, will only rest handsomely on the shoulder of a tweed suit which has itself been fashioned

for a generous grandparent. It is not only the uniform of Old Britain but the chic of Cool Britannia which relies upon the hand-me-down and cast off. From Notting Hill to Nottingham recycling extends from paper to Prada. Grand dames who have tired of their countre allow those

Elten John, not so much the Peter Pan of Pop with tighter Barclaycard limits but similar waists to snap up designer bargains in specialist second-hand stores. The artistry of the original, with all its genius of design and craftsmanship in the cutting-room, depends on a customer willing to pay handsomely for something hot off the catwalk. Once novelty has faded, however, quality still remains.

Those Ladies who Lunge for this season's creation would not dare risk being seen in the same frock twice. But the passing of their passion is, like game going high, a reason to cherish the perishable. If it were not for the fashion victim's fickleness the chance to wear a work of art would remain the preserve of the few rather than becoming. through the second-hand store, a treat for the many. It is a process as much Old Tory as New Labour - proof that trickle down economics works.

Elton is, however, a figure like the Queen - above politics. His motivation is the purest charity. While Carnegies and Gettys may have set the standard for philanthropy Elton's royalties from Candle in the Wind and the profits from his closet-clearing have enriched good causes as generously as any prince of commerce. Pop music and fashion are exercises in the ephemeral, the freezing of taste at a moment in time. But when both are imbued with feeling and aspire to art their appeal can transcend the circumstances which created them. So it was with Candle in the Wind, so, in their capacity to generate new happiness for buyers and beneficiaries, it is with Elton's motley.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tory need for radical reform

From Mr John Horam, MP for Orpington (Conservative)

Sir. Today's leading article, "Reform and resistance, on the leadership of the Conservative Party is entirely right. Universal franchise is the cen-

I have proposed to the 1922 Executive Committee that MPs alone should trigger an election and whittle the contenders down to the final two or three, but at that point the franchise should be thrown open to all party members on a one person, one vote basis.

The main objection to this seems to

be that it would favour incumbents and well-known figures. If, however, the penultimate and final stages were separated by three to four weeks during which open campaigning took place, an outsider would have ample opportunity to make his or her mark. This is a radical step but it would

have immense advantages in revital-ising the party and fits well with William Hague's modernising approach.

Yours sincerely, JOHN HORAM, House of Commons. November 25

From Mr Peter Frankel

Sir, Contrary to your report (November 24), members of the Charter Movement are not "rebels"; they are supporters of the Conservative Party and its aims. Our intention since 1981 has been to ensure that the Conservative Party becomes more democratic and more attuned to the opinions of its members.

The intent is to improve the party and to return it to government. At present it is inviting ideas on how to become more democratic and listening more to the views of those who

As a member of the Charter Movement's executive, I fail to see how those providing such views can be described as rebels.

Yours faithfully, PETER FRANKEL, Chapel Road, Limpsfield Common, Surrey. November 25,

Tobacco sponsorship From the Director of Ash

Sir, Mr Max Mosley, President of the

Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (letter, November 24), says that if the EU imposes a ban on televised tobacco sponsorship of motor racing in Europe, Formula One "can easily" move out of Europe and beam back television pictures of unrestricted tobacco advertising at new grand prix events in Asia or Eastern Europe.

In fact there is the power to deal with this problem by regulating broadcasting. Cigarette advertising on TV has been banned in the UK since 1965 and across all of Europe since 1991, it would not be a great leap to extend this to tobacco advertising at televised Formula One events.

This would be unlikely to mean a blackout of Formula One. It would lead to an agreement between the broadcasters and the event organisers to keep tobacco advertising off the TV screens - either by using new technologies to superimpose non-tobacco advertising or by simply not having tobacco billboards in front of every camera and everything else covered in cigarette adverts.

By forcing Formula One to choose between television and tobacco, gov-ernments in Europe and elsewhere could foil the tobacco industry in its efforts to use motor racing to encourage young people to smoke.

Yours sincerely, CLIVE BATES,

Ash (Action on Smoking and Health), 16 Fitzhardinge Street, WI. November 25.

Smokers and tolerance

From Mr Kevin Cobb Sir, Bernard Levin writes today

("When smokers are a drag", Week-end, November 22) with his usual mixture of intelligence and good sense. Like him, I am a non-smoker. and have no personal axe to grind.

However, I am disturbed by the increasing influence of the growing army of people for whom the rule of law is not enough, and who feel that they have an additional right to tell the rest of us what we may and may not do, read and not read, see and not see, and even think and not think.

Society needs laws, and it needs compassion, but it also needs tolerance. Non-smokers should be able to live and work without tobacco smoke around them. There must be non-smoking areas of public transport and public buildings, and I shall sit in them. But I will not look with hatred and contempt at those who choose to sit elsewhere and smoke, provided that they cause me no harm

OF AMMOVANCE. If they wish to smoke then it is their right and none of my business, or the business of anyone else. Too many people seem all too willing to jump on the bandwagon of persecution of minorities.

Yours sincerely, KEVIN COBB, 19 Spurlings, Oundle, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. xqt06@dial.pipex.com November 22.

Opposition to coastguard closures From Mr Tim Eaton

Sir, A few years ago HM Coastguard made very considerable savings by closing their lookouts. Other than vesdistress were to rely on fellow mariners and sharp-eyed members of the public to spot their signals and raise the alarm.

is the Pentland Coastguard Station situated on Orkney, whose work will be transferred to the station at Aberdeen, over 100 miles away. The Pentland station covers the notorious Pentland Firth, that area of sea between the north coast of Scotland and the Orkney archipelago, which is the most dangerous stretch of water around the coastline of the Coastguard we keep 24-hour watches.

United Kingdom.
The proposal is Ill-advised, following as it does from an over-reliance on high technology to the exclusion of traditional methods, and the devaluing of that most prized possession to the seafarer in distress, the Coastguard Agency's local knowledge. Some months ago, when involved in the contingency planning for medi-

cal emergencies on this island, I discovered that the ropes which had previously been part of the standard equipment of our coastguard team had been removed on the authority of the Coastguard Agency. I asked the agency what it would do if a small child fell a few feet over a cliff edge, and was lying unconscious on a ledge.
The Chief Executive, Chris Harris,

From the Medical Practitioner

Sir, Your correspondent, Commander

Fetherstone Dilke (letter, November

2l), mentioned the proposal by the shipping minister. Glenda Jackson, seemingly on the advice of the Coast-

guard Agency, to close four coast-guard rescue sub-centres in the North

of England and Scotland. One of these

to the Island of Shapinsay

replied with an elaborate plan invol-ving a helicopter from Shetland (over 80 miles away), and teams from various other islands, the response time for which would mean that in the climate we have here, the child could have died from exposure, even if relatively uninjured by the fall.

The over-reliance of the Coastguard service on technology represents a misguided and out-of-date line of thought. Glenda Jackson should think again before making a wrong and potentially dangerous decision.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BROOKE, Elwickbank. Island of Shapinsay, Orkney. November 21.

Lessons in commerce From Mr M. B. Murphy

Sir, Simon Jenkins says ("Falling into a tiger trap", November 26): "If the guru Michael Porter is correct and global commerce is the armed conflict of our age, then commerce should be military service once was."

He suggests that young people should recognise such concepts as price mechanisms, economic growth,

This is clearly to misunderstand the role of the ordinary citizen. Drafting someone into the Armed Forces merely requires them to be given sufficient training to perform some relatively useful task, even if it is in the cookhouse. Even at the sharp end, little more is usually required than the ability to follow orders. The direction and

conduct of conflict is the job of the strategist.

were waging a "just" war.

MARTIN B. MURPHY, Department of Law, The University. November 26

Targeting tax

From Major-General Mike Reynolds

Sir, "A 10p starting rate [of income tax] would benefit undeserving rich and deserving poor alike, a real waste of public money which could be much better targeted at the bottom end" (leading article, "Brown's way", Nov-

Surely the same principle applies to Gordon Brown's remarkable gift of £20 to every pensioner household to help with heating bills. I fully accept that some pensioners need assistance, but do those paying higher-rate tax, or even basic rate, really need that £20? Come to that, do the same groups really need that £10 at Christmas?

The same could be said about child allowance and free medicines for those in these tax groups. Why do successive governments fail to direct taxpayer's money to where it's really

Yours faithfully, MIKE REYNOLDS, 8 Grassington Road. Eastbourne, Sussex. November 26.

Wildlife stamps

From Mr Peter Stockwell Sir, I am delighted to see that, by

means of the new issue of postage stamps (photograph, November 22), we are informing the world that we conserve wildlife so badly that even the song thrush is an endangered Yours faithfully.

P. STOCKWELL. 55 High Street, Wilburton. Ely, Cambridgeshire. November 22.

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Three years ago the National Coastwatch Institution was established and registered as a charity, modelled on the RNLI. Our lookout station on Bass Point, here on the Lizard, was the first of the derelict lookouts to re-open and we have now maintained a daylight watch here every day for almost three years, manned entirely by volunteers. During events such as the Fastnet Race and when called upon by the

This small village already provided men for the Lizard lifeboat and the Auxiliary Coastguard. Of the thirty watchkeepers here, several are redundant coastguards, former lifeboatmen, seamen and naval officers. Others, like myself, are landlubbers. All watchkeepers undertake training and we keep a log of passing vessels, yachts, canoes, diff-walkers and climbers. Perhaps our most regular function is to monitor the inshore fishermen who often work alone in small open boats in these dangerous 5828

Our station has been joined by 15 more during our three years of operation. More are planned. We raise funds in the usual ways to pay for our daily communications with Falmouth Coastguard, and to maintain and equip our station.

We have been helped by our landlord, The National Trust, and by other charities and local businesses. We have a second-hand radar set and marine radio scanner. We hope that our next acquisition will be large mounted binoculars similar to those which were removed by HM Coastguard when they closed the station.

Yours faithfully.
TIM EATON (Honorary Treasurer. NCI Bass Point), a-Wartha Menhyr, The Lizard, Cornwall. e**@e**ator.co.uk November 21.

Therefore, it is unnecessary for all young people to be forced to study economics. All that is required from them is that they contribute to the economic resources used by the strategists in the struggle for global commercial supremsey.

This is achieved in modern times by persuading" them to put their earnings into the right investment funds. etc - the modern equivalent of telling the common populace that their rulers

Yours faithfully, Queensgate, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. sbusmbm@pegasus.hud.ac.uk

'Irrational' bans

From Dr Charles S. Bestwick

Sir. I read with interest the comments of leading ophthalmologists that laser pens are unlikely to cause damage to the retina (report, "Eye experts dismiss fears on laser pens as hysteria", November 24; see also letter, November 25). I am sure that thousands of university students will be relieved to know that they will not suffer irreparable damage should a lecturer run amok with his pointer. However, I fear that the opinions of acknowledged experts will have little effect on the Government's deliberations concerning any ban on these instruments.

For example, in voting to ban the legal ownership of cartridge-hand-guns, politicians of all parties were quite happy to ignore Home Office crime statistics, the Cullen Report (the Labour Party opted for a ban at least a week before the report was published), a Commons select committee, numerous amendments from the Lords and a whole array of experts. We see a similar attitude towards the sale of "alcopops".

In short, this Government is not interested in facts but prefers to act on the ill-founded concerns of an increasingly irrational public which gains the vast majority of its informa-tion from the sensationalist tabloid DIUS.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES BESTWICK, Braehead Farmhouse, Keig, Aberdeenshire. csb@rri.sari.ac.uk November 25.

Testing the water

From Mr Paul Haye

Sir, Your report today on the proposed conversion of Kensington Palace into an art gallery, states that: "The scheme has been floated by Royal Household officials and leaked to test public reaction."

Will it not then sink? Yours faithfully, PAUL HAYE. West Haye Farm, Haye, Callington, Cornwall. November 24.

Royal forbearance in face of change

From Mrs R. Gyles

Sir, My admiration for HM the Queen continues to grow (letters, November 26). Some five years ago her country flatly refused to help with the rebuilding of the fire-damaged parts of Windsor Castle, which, after all, is a national monument as well as her

She is now about to lose the Royal Yacht, which has also been used to de-velop trade with countries most successfully, and it seems we are 100 mean (or do I mean miserly?) to have Britannia refitted once more or a replacement built, both of which would bring work to British shipyards. We now hear she may lose the royal train

(report, November 17). From the weekend press, it appears that inheritance tax due on the Princess of Wales's estate is to be paid in full, without any recourse to legitimate tax-avoidance schemes. Can you imagine what moanings and outcries there would be if any of her subjects lost privileges connected with their life's work and were also faced with a vast tax bill? Would they not endea-

your to find ways of tax avoidance? Her Majesty has given this country so much over the past 45 years, can we not appreciate this and stop taking so much from her? Yours faithfully,

April Cottage, Market Lane, Greet, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. November 26.

R. GYLES,

From Mrs R. Herbert Sir, I was dismayed to see the front

page headline and reports on November 22 concerning the "last words" of Diana, Princess of Wales. It struck me as being extraordi narily insensitive to publish this information during the week of Her Majesty's golden wedding celebrations, stirring up pain and grief and casting a shadow over an occasion when the nation was trying to put behind it that tragic event — and celebrate with the royal couple a joyful and meaningful

occasion. I did appreciate, however, your leading article, "New monarchy", on the same day, celebrating the anniversary and the monarchy's future.

Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY HERBERT, Meadow Fold. South Road, Liphook, Hampshire.

Noye's raindrops

From Mr A. P. Woolrich

Sir, There is more to making a raindrop machine for Britten's Naye's Fludde than simply hanging china mugs on a length of string (letter. November 26). The manufacture of the one used in last week's performance of the piece in St Mary's Parish Church, Bridgwater, by the pupils of St Mary's VC School was not easy.

A job lot of mugs bought for proved all to have the same note. St Mary's congregation turned out their cupboards and eventually we were able to assemble a reasonably convincing scale of notes. Incidentally, pottery mugs were more tuneful than china. In the hands of a professional tympanist using metal sticks the device exceeded all expectations.

Nove's Fludde also calls for a wind machine. This was made from bits of an old bed and parts of some redundant music rests. It proved exhausting in use and deserves a second life as an exercise machine for the elderly over-

Yours sincerely, A. P. WOOLRICH (Modelmaker and turner). Canal Side. Huntworth, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Tate's taste

From Mr Ray Miles

Sir, I was astonished today at Richard Cork's opinion of the Havemeyer Collection and how clever "Sugar King" was to buy Impressionist art while Sir Henry Tate bought prosaic, over-priced Royal Academicians (Arts, "A sweet tooth for Impressionists").

Henry Tate's purchases were as fashionable in his day as the Havemeyer Collection has now become. He had the vision to give us a great Mr Cork may feel Henry Tate's

taste was dull, millions of visitors to his gallery do not. Yours faithfully. ROY MILES. Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton Street, Wl.

November 25.

Back of the stalls

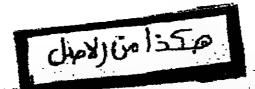
From Dr John H. Greensmith

Sir, I read recently that a cinema in Bolton is to open 24 hours a day (News in brief, November 8). When, I wonder, are they going to Hoover the carpet?

I can see it now: "Excuse me, love, can you just lift your feet up while I get under that seat ... Tut, you ought to be out in the fresh air on a nice day like this . . I don't believe they've thought it

through. Yours faithfully,

JOHN GREENSMITH. 36a North Street, Downend, Bristol. November 22.



the east of the Sun, this

On October 2, 1996, the

writer saw all the planets

from Mercury to Neptune on

the same day. Then some

planets were to the east and

some to the west of the Sun.

Opportunities to see them all on one date do not arise every

year: usually one or more is

too near the Sun. Mercury is

surprisingly bright at times

and given a clear sky and an

unobstructed view to the hori-

zon it may well be observable

in early December, especially

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The guests were:

Mrs Margarer Hobrough (principal
and chief executive, Godalming Sixth
Form Collegel, Mrs Rachel Lomax,
formanner secretary, the Welsh
Officel, Mr Michael Atherton (captain,
England Cricket Team). Mr John
Humphrys (presenter, Today
Programme BBC Radio 4), Mr Alan
Longlands (chief rescutive, Mr John
Health Executive), Mr David
Newbigging (chalman of council;
Missions to Seamen), Professor of
physics), and Sir Richard Sykes
(chalman and chief enecutive, Glano
Wellcoune).

Legal appointment

Mr Christopher Tootal to be Chair-man of the Copyright Tribunel.

The guests were:

in binoculars.

The night sky in December



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 26: The Queen received the Bishop of Newcastle (the Right Reverend John Wharton) who did Her Majesty afterwards re-ceived the Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Reverend John Nicholls) who did homage upon his

appointment.
The Rt Hon Jack Straw MP Secretary of State for the Home Department) administered the

The Bishop of Derby (Clerk of the Closeti was in attendance. The Queen held a Council at

There were present: The Rt Hon Ann Taylor MP (President), the Lord Irvine of Lairg (Lord Chan-cellor), the Rt Hon David Blunkett MP (Secretary of State for Edu-cation and Employment) and the Rt Hon Nicholas Brown MP (Parliamentary Secretary to the

Treasury). The Lord Carter and Sir Charles Mantell were sworn in as Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council. Sir Richard Buoton made affirmation as a Member of Her

dance as Clerk of the Council. The Rt Hon Ann Taylor MP had an audience of Her Majesty before

Members of the All Blacks rugby team and management were received by The Queen this afternoon and remained to Tea. The Rt Hon Tony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of

Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, this morning presented the National Playing Fields Associ-ation President's Certificates for

1997 at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, today attended Receptions at St. James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edin-

as an evening star, setting only an hour after sunset on the 1st and then closing with the Sun to be at inferior The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorconjunction (between the ary Member, this evening at-tended a Dinner in honour of The Earth and Sun) on the 17th. It

BY MICHAEL I. HENDRIE ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY begins the month

then becomes a morning ob-

ject and by the 31st the O

magnitude planet rises more

than an hour and a half before the Sun. It might just

be visible during the first few

days of December very low in

the southwest but should be-

come fairly easily visible to the naked eye in dawn twi-light low in the southeast

from Christmas into the New

Year. Waning crescent Moon close by on the 28th.

Venus is a very conspicuous

evening star reaching greatest

brilliancy on the 11th (-4.6

magnitude). In mid-month it

will be setting three hours after the Sun and will domi-

nate the early evening sky over Christmas and into the

first days of the New Year. It

reaches inferior conjunction on January 16 and will be

rather low in the dawn sky for

much of 1998. Crescent Moon

to the north on the 3rd and

31st. Venus close to Mars on

Mars is 1.2 magnitude and

moves from Sagittarius into

Capricornus during Decem-

ber. Mars will be setting more than two hours after the Sun by end December and should

remain visible to the naked

eye throughout the month low

in the southwestern sky.

Moon to the north 2nd-3rd

Jupiter is also an evening

star, -2.1 magnitude and in Capricornus setting by 20h late in the month. Moon to the

Saturn is in Pisces and 0.7

magnitude, reaching a sta-tionary point on the 17th after

which it will resume its direct

(eastwards) motion against

the stars. It sets soon after

midnight by the 31st. Moon

close to Saturn on the 8th-9th.

Neptune in nearby Sagittari-

us require optical aid to locate

them; both set soon after 18h

by end-December. Moon to

the north on the 3rd-4th and

The Moon: first quarter 7d

06h, full Moon 14d 03h, last

quarter 21d 22h and new

winter solstice, when the Sun

reaches its most southerly

point over the Tropic of

Sunset on the 1st is at 15h

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Capricorn, is at 21d 20h.

Uranus in Capricornus and

north on the 4th-5th.

the 22nd.

and 31st.

30th-31st.

Queen of Denmark at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club, Pali Mall, London SWI. BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 26: The Prince Edward President the Commonwealth Games Federation, this evening held a Reception at St James's Palace to launch the 1998 United

Kingdom Commonwealth Games

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 26: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, this afternoon received Major General John Friedberger upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and Brigadier Ewan Morrison

upon assuming the appointment. Her Royal Highness, President, Royal Naval Museum, accompa-nied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening visited the Naval Historical Library, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, Hampshire, and later attended a Dinner and Reception on board HMY Britan-nia, Portsmouth Naval Base. CLARENCE HOUSE

November 26: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother was present
this evening at a Reception given
by the Royal United Kingdom
Beneficent Association at Mari-

borough House.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in

KENSINGTON PALACE November 26: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief. The King's Royal Hussars, this afternoon received Major General John Friedberger upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and Brigadier Ewan Morrison upon assuming the appointment. The Duke of Gloucester, Presi-

The Duke of Gloucester, President, NABC - Clubs for Young People, this afternoon visited the headquarters at 371 Kennington Lane, London SEII.

Royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Radley Coll-ege. Oxfordshire, at 11.00. Later. ege. Oxfordsture, at the The Queen will visit community projects in Berinsfield, Wallingprojects ford, at 1.55.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Milton Park, near Abingdon, visit-ing RM at 1.55 and Oxford Asymmetry at 2.30. Mother will attend a reception

given by the Franco-British Society at St James's Palace at 6.30. The Princess Royal, as President, Save the Children Fund, will visit HM Prison Holioway at 9.30; as Patron, Sense - The National Deafblind and Rubella Associ-ation, will visit a charity shop, 57

Seven Sisters Road, at 11.20; will

Fund (UK) luncheon reception at the Goring Hotel, Beeston Place, Grosvenor Gardens, London SWI, at 12.30; and as Patron, Victim Support, will attend the annua . The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London ECI. 2.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, National Asthma Camning at Drapers' Hall, at 7.00. Princess Alexandra, as Patron, will open the new Workplace Day Centre of BEN - Motor and Allied her Road. Stoke. Coventry, at 2.00: and will open Helen Ley Court for

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anders Celsius, astronomer, inventor of the thermometer, Lowth, clergyman, Winchester, 1710; John Murray, publisher, London, 1778: Fanny Kemble, ac-tress, London, 1809: Sir Charles Sherrington, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1932, London, 1857; Juho 1946-56, Tampere, 1870; Chaim Weizmann, biochemist, 1st Presi-dent of Israel 1949-52, Motol, Belarus, 1874; Jimi Hendrix, rock guitarist, Seattle, 1942

DEATHS: Horace, Oulntus Horatius Flaccus, Roman poet, 8 BC; Jacopo Sansovino, sculptor, Ven-

to Clare (nie Haves) and Andrew, a daughter, Chlor Eloise, a sister for Oliver.

BLAIR - Audrey Mary on

DEATHS

the Helen Ley Charitable Trust at Bericote Road, Blackdown, Lean-

ington Spa, Warwickshire, at 3.30.

William Shakespeare married

Two policewomen, the first to be

gramed official status in Britain.

reported for duty at Grantham, Lincolnshire, 1914.

President Charles de Gaulle re-fused Britain entry into the Com-

Anne Hathaway, 1582.

mon Market, 1967.

United Oxford & Cambridge

University Club ice, 1570; Sir John Eliot, par-The Queen of Denmark attended a dinner held last night at 71 Pall Mall to mark her Honorary Membership of the United Oxford liamentarian, London, 1632; Andrew Meikle, agricultural ngineer, Dunbar, 1811; Alexander Dumas the Younger, dramatist and poet, Paris, 1895; Tom Walls, & Cambridge University Club. The Duke of Edinburgh and Dame actor-producer, Eweil, Surrey, 1949; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, Nobel laureate 1936, Boston, Massachusens, 1953; Arthur Arine Warburton proposed the toasts. Mr Bruce Williams, chairman, presided. Honegger, composer, Paris, 1955.

Dr Geoffrey H. Buchler Dr Geoffrey H. Buchler was the host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons by cour-tesy of Ms Cheryl Gillan, MP. Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, Mr Robert Syms, MP, Ms Caroline Spelman, MP and Councillor Alexander Nicoll also spoke.

Among others present were: The

the Hospice of the Good Shephani, Chestar und, or, St Melangell's Cancer Help Centre, Fennant Melangell, Powys. Haquiries and donations c/o Dutton & Hallmanir Funenti Sevices, 30 Brolliner Street, Hoole, Chester CB2 3BQ. Tel: 01244 \$10000.

1997 pacefully at Zuchary Merton Hospital, Restington, within Richard aged 95 years (Freeman of the City of London) and late Edwin Jones and Sons (London) Ltd. Service Worthing Crematorius, Finden, today Thumany 270, November at 2.40 pm., Flowers and all enquiries passes # 14 Edward & Son, Terminus 200.

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POPE - On 26th Nover

1997 pescriply at home in Western, the dearly beloved husband of Brends, dear father of Richard and

grantitume o. Funezal
Matthew. Funezal
Wednesday, 3rd December,
service at Christ Church,
Swindon, at 1.30 pm
followed by cremation at
Kinendown Crematorium.

Highlanders), fourth son of Highlanders), fourth son of Assatuder Evrice of Drun, filed peaceticity with his Issaily on November 25th 1997 ether a short Illness. Dearly loved Statuband of Mutici (Scoussed) and father.

Dinners Amhessador of Switzerland, Lord Selkirk of Douglas, Sir Jeremy Hanley, Mr John Emburey, Mr Duncan Leopold, Mr Stephen Nathan, QC, and Mr John G Underwood.

50m and on the 31st at 16h

00m while sunrise is at 07h

45m and 08h 08m on the same

dates. Astronomical Twilight

ends at 17h 55m and 18h 05m

early and late in the month

and begins again at 05h 45m

The Geminids meteor

shower reaches maximum ac-tivity on the 13th-14th when on

a clear moonless night more

than 60 meteors per hour may

be expected. The radiant area

from which they appear to come is marked on the chart.

Unfortunately this year moonlit skies will obscure all

but the brightest shooting

Over the past few weeks

Venus and Mars have both

been visible in the southwest

in twilight. On October 26

Venus was just two degrees

below Mars and then through

November the two planets

against the stars, separated to

about 10 degrees as Venus

than Mars. Venus, whose orbit is inside that of the

Earth, will be 72 million km

from us on December 1 while

moving eastwards

and 06h 06m.

Deloitte & Touche Consulting

Group The 11th Deloitte & Touche Consulting Group defence dinner was held at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies on November 25. The managing director, Mr John Everett, was in the chair and the Right Hon Lord Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, was guest of honour. 27 members of the combined defence comnaunity attended.

Buckingham Palace luncheon The Centre for Jewish-Christian The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Mr Clemens N. Nathan was the

than the Earth's, will be 305

million km from us. During

December Venus's orbit will

carry the planet more and

more towards the Earth and

its apparent motion against

the stars will slow down to

become stationary on the 25th.

After this it will move west-

wards and Venus and Mars

will separate, with Mars to

the east or left of Venus again

as it was before their close

approach in late October.

Earth and Sun in January.

Venus will again pass very close to Mars, less than a

degree, on the 22nd. The Sun

will overtake Mars also even-

tually, but not until next May.

The five naked eye planets will all be in the evening sky

in early December. Mercury,

nearest the Sun, will be hard

to see, then Mars, Venus,

Jupiter and Saturn. Near

Mars will be 8th magnitude

Neptune and near Venus 5.7

magnitude Uranus. These-

under these conditions of low

altitude and bright sky even

in a telescope. But all the

major planets except Pluto are

Mars, whose orbit is larger in the same part of the sky, to Dept 941N.

enus will pass between the

host at a dinner held at the Athenaeum on Monday to launch the Centre, for Jewish-Christian Relations in Cambridge, Rabbi Dr Nicholas de Lange, reader in Rabbinics at Cambridge Univer-sity, Mr Edward Kessler, Director of the Centre, and Mr Stephen Smith, Founder and Director of the Beth Shalom Holocaust Me-morial Centre, Nottingham, were the speakers. Among the guests

Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto, Mr Frank Cass, Dr David Cohen, the Frank Cass, Dr David Cohen, the Jonathan Gorsky, Mr Ian Karten, Dr Disna Lipton, Mrs Collette Litman, Mrs Deborah Patterson Jones and Mr Feilx Posen.

cremet.

STEM - Noity (note Buckwald) on 26th November 1997 pacefully in her sleep at home after a short Massa, aged 87. Remited with her husband Walter and son Henry and saily wiseed by the rest of the family, Private crountion. No flowers plants, Donations if

TAVIOR - Dr. Joseph Taylor GEE FRCS FRCOpath pacefully at Raiton Hospital, Runcorn on Merender Tist Such level husband, father, grandfather and lifelong missionary. Funeral at St. Mark's, Hallwood, Runcorn at 1 yan Frider Worsenher 28th. Also

Forthcoming marriages

Mr.M.D. Andrew and Miss K.E. Vigurs
The engagement is announced besween Michael David, son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Andrews, of Richmond, Yorkshire, and Kathryn Emma, elder daughter of Mr R.A. Vigurs, of Beckenham, Kent, and Mrs C.M. Vigurs, of Shirley, Surrey,

Mr J.T. Barry and Miss LA.C. Chapman The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Barry, of Meysey

Lisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. Dems. Chapman, of Scaby, North Yorkshire. Mr D.J. Burndréd and Dr E.E.S. Colyer The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs George Burndred, of Tirley, Gloucestershire, and Elizabeth

eider daughter of His Flonour Judge John Colyer, QC, and Mrs

Mr D.P. Chartes and Miss B.M. Goldamitis
The engagement is announced
between David, son of Mr and
Mrs James Charters, of Adelaide, Australia, and Brenda daughter of the late Cyril Goldsmith and of

Mr H.J. Seddon and Miss E.J. Whitworth The engagement is announced between Henry, younger son of Mr D. Seddon, of Rochdale, and Mrs P. Atherion, of Great Sutton Cheshire, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Whitworth, of Lavenham, Suffolk.

and Mrs J. Wolfe-Murray The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of the late Rear-Admiral and Mrs Hugh Faulkner, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of the late Colonel Sir John and Lady Usher. Mr C.B.R. Howman

and Miss K.L. Privett The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs K.C.R. Howman, of Shepperton. Middlesez and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.C. Privett, of Pirbright, Surrey. Mr N.J.J. Levitt

and Miss T.E. Osborough The engagement is armounced between Nicholas, only son of the ate Allan Levitt and of Mrs William Prophet, and stepson of Mr William Prophet, of Excer, Devon, and Tara Elaine, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Osborough, of Sunninghill,

Mr.A.R. Prideaux and Mie PS Corres The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Mr Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Pilar, daughter of the Italian Ambassador to Belgium and Mrs Francesco Currias, of Avenue Legrand, Brussels, and Via di

Mr LM.A. Thesiger and Miss J.M.II. Lloyd The engagement is announced between Justin, twin son of Mr and Mrs Michael Thesiger, of Redhill, and Joanna, only daughter of the late Mr Innes Eloyd and of Mrs Lloyd, of Richmond.

Memorial service

Mr S.W.H. Christle A memorial service for Mr Brid William Hunter (Bill) Christie, barrister and campaigner for the Palkland Islanders, was held on Tuesday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. Canon William Norman official ated. Sir Maurice Drake and Ms. Hazel Williamson, QC, read the lessons. Ma Lynn Wagner gave a reading and Mr Bill Charles gave an address. Among others present

an address. Among others present were:

Miss Christie (widow), Mr Robert. Christie and Mr Niall Christie (sons), Mrs Ionathan. Newman and Miss Carriona Christie (daughters). Charlotte Christie (daughters). Charlotte Christie, daughters). Alex Newman and Ratie Newman (grandchildren), the Rev AR H. MacLeod (brother-in-law). Mrs Michael MacRain: Sister-in-law). His Honour Michael Hickman, Mr and Mrs Alastitir MacBain. Dr and Mrs Alastitir MacBain. Dr and Mrs Magnus McLeod, Miss Nicola Christie, Mr James MacRain. Mr Alden McGraft; the Master, Warden. Court of Assistants and Uverymen of the Clockmakers' Company, banchers and many other friends.

An identical service was held at the same time in the Cathedral in Pon Stanley, Falkiand Islands.

St Paul's Girls' School

The Governors of St. Pane's Girls' School amboudes the appointment of Mike Elizabeth Diggory (Head Mistress of Manchesser High School for Girls as High Wistless of St Paul's Girls School with effect from September 1, 1998, in succession to Miss Janet Gough.

Luncheons -

Mid-Atlantic Club Dr Wilfred Prewo, Chief Executive of Hannover Chamber of Industry and Commerce, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid-Atlantic Club held vesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Walter Lessing presided.

Mind Sir Sigmund Sternberg. Mind-Jubilee Patron, was the host at a thank you luncheon for Mind's Jubilee Patrons held at the Royal Society of Medicine on Tuesday. November 25. Ms Judi Cler Chief Executive, also spoke. ber 25. Mis Judi Clements,

Birthdays today

Mr John Alderton, actor, 57: Dr John Astroorth, chairman, British Library, 59; Mr Rodney Bewes, actor, 60; Lord Bridges, 70; the Rev Dr. Edward Carpenter, KCVO. former Dean of Westminster, 87: the Earl of Cottenham, 49; Mr Gavyn Davies, economist, 47: Mr Robert Dougall, broadcaster, 84: Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn, 70: Mr James Evans, former chairanisation, 65; Lord Howard de Walden, 85; Miss Verity Lambert. film and television producer, 62; the Marquess of Lansdowns, 85; Sir John Maddox, former Editor, Nature, 72; Baroness Mallaileu, QC, 52; Lord Nickson, 68; Mrs Margaret Parry, former Head-mistress, Heathfield School, Ascot. 78: Mr Alam Simpson, author and scriptwriter, 68: Mr Ernie Wise, comedian, 72.

Haberdashers' Company :

officers of the Haberdashers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr N.K.S. Wills, Wardens. Mr D.G.C. Inglefield, Mr. Mr J.E.N. Bates.

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University news Oxford

Winter Williams Law Prizes 1996 The first prize has been awarded to Army Street, New College, and the second prize to Oliver Radley-Gardner, Keble College, Awards for Meritorious Work have been made to J.S. Morgan, Belliol College, and David A. Scoffield, University College.

Latest wills

Robert Gilchrist Lockhart, of Hudderstield, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £598.457 net. Mary Whitehead Shaw, of Hudders-field, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £659,066 net. Lucas James Atkinson, of Crowland, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at

PERSONAL COLUMN

Heather and Leeley and gamfiguite. EaF Historian and write. Former Chaplain RAE Famborough and Vicer of Elmon with Wesdon Lofts and Strethell, Esser. Francis to be held at All Schots Burbage Madheurugh Wilts on Monday 1st December 1997 - Family flowers only. Donations to Acora Christian Heating Trust, Whitehill Chase, Bordon, Hants Grüß OAF. Enquiries to 01672 510805.

primary - Duniat og 14th Novamber 1997. In memory of Duniat Egosy, a gifted actor and an insplacable Izland. I will givery feel your loss, Whis love Catle.

NORMENS - On 25th November 1997 peacefully at Chart House, Erasted Chart, Westerham, Kent, Nora Hobbins (Sée Walley), dazziy loved wife of the late Révend (Fed) Robbins (SE, mother of Michael Heep and grandmother of Giles, imogen and Julies, Private cramation at Kent and Sessex Cramatorism Friday 28th November at 11 am.

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BMDS: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 oon people from their store of good produce good; and will people from their store of evil produce evil, Mat-thew 12:35 DEATHS BREWER - Alan Ernest peacefully on 25th Rovember aged 79, dearly loved and much respected instant of hem. 1:30 pm 3rd December Breakspan Crematorium, Ruislip. Family flowers only. Donations to Paul Strickland Scanner Annea! Mount at home on November 25th. Peneral Service at St Faul's, Englishedge on December 5th at 12.30 pm. Family However cuts University of the State of Health of People of TH. Lighthout Foundation for Disabled People of TH. Lighthout & Son, 111 High Street, Tarportey, Cheshive. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Fener's, Enguere on December 9th at 11 am. Englishes to IH. Lightfoot & Son Faneral Directors (012.5) 73350E. BIRTHS canner Appeal, Moun Ternon Hospital 1997, to Linty and Oliver, a daughter, LDy, a sister for Benjamin. BAVAS-SEGURE - Frederich Douglas, died very suddenly in London on Thursday 20th November, aged 77. A dedicated and respected actical seases. Treasured husband of Barbara; much loved brother of Gracs and Peter, very sadity adaed by his children Philippa Peter, Timothy, Deborah, Andrew, Anna and Josephine and their families. The formatical their families. Piers and Marina (nee Florests) a bountful am - 1 1997 panosfully at Joseph Weld Hospics Pauline Finsherb, Larg Harris of Loders, Dorset, widow of Lond Barris of Loders, Dorset, widow of Lond Barris of Limmer, Adeary loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Loders and John Revender Large Large Hospital Physics hay be sent clo AL Walkely & Sons, 91 East Street, Eridport, Dorset by 920 am please. SPIANNON - On November 21st 1997 in Hong Kong, to Marina (200 Poyton-Jones) and Theorety, a designer, Th STEINEERG - On November 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Karins and CHEAPE - George Richard on November 26th 1997 at Lower Huzt, New Zeeland. Bidest son of the late Rigadier General Cheape of Walffield, Pife and Thoram, isle of Mull. on 25th November Much loved husband of Tessa, been to David, Amends Jam and Expert. ELP. VAURHAN WILLIAMS - On November 20th at The Portland Horpital, to Imput Fortiged Hospital, to Brand Catherine, a son,

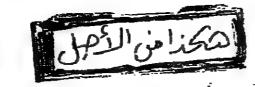
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Dr Hastings Banda, first -President of Malawi, died on November 25. He was long said to have been born on May 14, 1906, but his death certificate declared him to have been 99.

astings Banda was a man of contradictions. He habitually wore the uniform of an English gentleman - black homburg har and three-piece suit - but also car-ried a lion's tail fly-whisk, symbol of African leadership. He came to power as leader of a revolutionary nationalist movement and ruled as head of one of the most conservative governments in Africa. He was an elder of the Church of Scotland but also an autocrat capable of ruthless cruelty. He was revered by many of his people but at odds with his fellow African leaders, mainly because of his insistence that the welfare of Malawi required him to maintain close and friendly relations with apartheid South Africa.

He will be remembered mostly because his uncompromising stand against the Central African Federation - for which he spent some time in prison — was a major factor in bringing that ill-fated British experiment to an end. He could also claim that his pragmatic style of government gave the new-born Malawi more than 20 years of stability and relative prosperity, but during his rule thousands of political opponents were jailed, tortured, exiled or murdered. Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda

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claimed to have been born in 1906. although there was much dispute about this and his death certificate has declared him to be considerably older. He was the son of pagan Chewa parents, and his name Kamuzu meant "little root", his mother's infertility having been cured by a herbalist's prescription. He adopted the name Hastings from a missionary. He attended a Church of Scotland missionary school until, at the age of 12, without money and unknown to his parents, he set off for South Africa, taking jobs as he walked the 1,000 miles. While working as a hospital cleaner he decided to become a doctor.

He studied at night while working as an interpreter in a mine outside Johannesburg (which he revisited in triumph in 1971) and by 1923 had saved enough to go to the United States. American Methodists helped him to work his way

through school, and he became the only non-white student at the University of Chicago, taking a degree in history and political science.

He went on to study medicine at a university for black students in Tallahassee and then took his LRCP at Edinburgh in 1941. He practised in Liverpool and North Shields, and in 1949 settled down as a National Health GP in Willesden. He is still remembered there with respect by former patients and some friends: though normally a distant, reserved man, he was also capable of great charm.

Banda had maintained contact with political life in what was then Nyasaland, and his Inndon home became a regular visiting place for its leaders and a centre for discussion. In particular, in 1952, when proposals were being discussed for a Central African Federation involving Nyasaland and Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Banda acted as mentor and unofficial leader to delegations of chiefs and Nyasaland African Congress lead-ers who arrived in London to voice their opposition. Banda worked closely with some British MPs who were also against the scheme.

The Federation was nevertheless born in 1953. Banda went to live in Ghana for a while, observing the emotional run-up to independence there in 1957. In Nyasaland, African opposition to what was regarded as an extension of Rhode-sian-style white domination was mostly organised by two young nationalists, H. M. B. Chipembere and Kanyama Chiume. They felt their movement needed the leadership of a person of more seniority and political weight and approaches were made to Banda.

In July 1958 he acceded to their requests and returned. He had been away for more than 40 years and remembered little of the language. The young men probably hoped for a puppet — it seemed unlikely that the slight figure in a neat suit would exercise any sort of messianic charisma — but as soon as he stepped off the aircraft to exchange shouts of kneaca ("dawn") with a crowd of 12,000, a bond was established. His leadership was accepted and remained secure. He became president general of the Nyasaland African Congress, attended the Accra anti-colonial conference of December 1958 and returned to say unequivocally, "To hell with federation!"

He then planned active resistance with his young lieutenants.

DR HASTINGS BANDA



conscious that he was likely to be arrested and aware of the way that "prison graduates" such as Nkrumah and Nehru had come to State House by way of a cell. On March 3, 1959, after disturbances, Banda was arrested in his surgery in Limbe and incarcerated in Southern Rhodesia. There was an attempt to implicate him in a "murder plot", a state of emergency was declared and the Nyasaland African Congress was banned.

The Devlin Commission which

investigated the Nyasaland troubles and reported later in 1959 found no evidence of Banda's complicity in a murder plot. More devastatingly it found that nationalist aspirations were not confined to a small minority of political Africans, but were shared by the great majority of the people and that there was universal opposition to federation.

By September 1959 the new Malawi Congress Party had come into being, the continued use of armed force was proving ineffective, and the British Government had to acknowledge that its experiment in multi-racial government in central Africa had failed. A new Colonial Secretary, Ian Madeod, charged with organising a retreat, released Banda and his followers on April 1, 1961. After successful

publicity visits to Britain and New York, Banda led his party to an overwhelming victory (92 per cent of the votes) at a general election that August, on an anti-federal secessionist platform.

Banda now worked in harmony with the liberal Governor, Sir Glyn Jones. He insisted on breaking links with Rhodesia, rejecting shares in loans, the university and agricultural colleges. With his young men well in hand, he ran the country efficiently, repeatedly call-ing for peace and hard work. Full self-government was granted in January 1963, and by the following year the demands of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland for secession could no longer be denied.

n July 6, 1964, six years to the day after Banda's return to the country, he became Prime Minister of the independent state of Malawi (to become President in 1966 and Life President in 1971). Swift economic ruin was predicted by many whites, and many Africans expected the new country to line up with Nicromah's Ghanz on the left of the spectrum. Both predictions were quite wrong. Economically, Banda came to power with great handi-caps: the country had no exploitable mineral deposits, extensive low-productivity subsistence agriculture, a low level of domestic sayings, an inadequate transport nerwork, only an embryonic educational system and a persistent budgetary deficit. But he made progress in almost all fields.

From 1965 to 1977 per capita

gross domestic product grew by an annual 3.3 per cent in real terms. The budget deficit, subsidised by the British Government at the beginning, was steadily reduced until 1977. Banda stimulated the growing of export crops, notably tobacco, tea, sugar and groundnuts, and ensured the continued inflow of capital, allowing for notable development of hydroelectric power. The drop in commodity prices at the end of the 1970s and the sharp rise in the price of oil and other imports defeated his best efforts, particularly because combined with drought. Malawi suffered hunger and shortages, though it survived the difficult period better than most African

Banda's critics claimed that economic progress was bought at the price of real independence. He delayed Africanisation, both in the civil service and in the ownership of productive farming land. Most importantly, he recognised how much Malawi depended economi-

Charles Malden, founder

CHARLES MALDEN always

intended to be a headmaster.

going up to King's College, Cambridge, to read Classics. Graduating in 1956 he went

countries.

cally on South Africa and Mozambique, and maintained close links with them. It was South Africa that provided financial backing for his extravagant plan to build a new capital at Lilongue and an international airport, He also made arrangements with the Portuguese rulers of Mozambique for the building of a new railway to the

In 1967 he forged diplomatic ties with Pretoria, exchanging visits and then ambassadors with Pretoria. J. B. Vorster visited Malawi in 1970, the beginning of his attempts to open a dialogue with the rest of Africa, and the following year Banda paid a much publicised state visit to South Africa, where he was well received by black and white. A South African MP described his visit as "five days of multi-racialism - five days of social revolution - that made apartheid look out of date".

other African leaders, and he was frequently described as a "stooge". He openly quarrelled with President Kaunda of Zambia and President dent Nyerere of Tanzania, and never bothered to attend meetings of the Organisation of African Unity. He once summed up his attitude by saying: "If it suits the interests of my people, I will make an alliance with the devil,"

In all this he was at odds with

He had quickly demonstrated that he was personally and firmly in charge. In September 1964, only two months after independence, he dismissed six ministers, including Chipembere, who had done so much to organise his coming to power. Four hundred opponents were jailed. This was followed by regular allegations of plots against him and the ousting from power of anyone who might be in a position to threaten him.

In 1967 a rebellion led by Yatuta Chisiza, a former Minister of Home Affairs, was crushed and he and 14 others were killed. In 1977 Albert Muwalo Ngumayo, secretary-general of the Malawi Congress Party and apparently a trusted aide, was arrested and convicted of plotting the President's assassination. On Christmas Eve 1981, Orton Chirwa and his wife Vera, both lawyers, former associates and later opponents in exile of Banda, were arrested. They were convicted of treason and sentenced to death, though their sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

Banda was impatient of the

"useless technicalities" of the British legal tradition: the Chirwas, for instance, were tried before a tribal court. He also allowed his "Young Pioneers" an unduly free hand in enforcing party discipline.

Malawi was a democracy to the extent that there were regular elections. But it was a one-party state and the President had to approve all candidates. An MP was once quoted as saying: "Although people had their freedom of choice, t goes without saying that we are here because His Excellency the Life President wants us here." The corruption that can be expected when one party stays in power for so long was palpable, not least because Banda openly believed that wealth for all of Malawi was best created by the successful entrepreneurship of a few, and that government members should not be discouraged from business activity. He himself had wide-ranging financial interests.

n October 1992, after the deaths of more than 40 prodemocracy demonstrators, Western aid donors withheld assistance worth £49 million. Banda rejuctantly agreed to hold a referendum and allow Malawians to decide whether the country should adopt multi-party politics. Despite foreign criticism, and de-spite the opposition of intellectuals within Malawi, Banda remained or thought he remained - popular with the majority of his people. In the referendum, however, in June 1993, 63.5 per cent voted for multiparty democracy, and in the follow-ing May, in the first fully democratic election for 33 years, Banda's Malawi Congress Party was voted out. Banda conceded defeat on the radio, and congratulated his successor, Bakili Muluzi.

On taking office, Muluzi carried out an election pledge to investigate the deaths of four senior politicians in 1983, and in 1995 Banda was placed under house arrest and charged, with five others, of murder. A year later, they were acquitted. Banda then apologised to the nation for any atrocities during his rule, but the state appealed against the verdict. In July this year Banda retired from politics.

Banda's "official hostess" for

many years was Cecilia Kadzamira (in respect for whom the Simon and Garfunkel song Cecilia was banned in Malawi). They never married, and Banda claimed to have no children.

CATHARINE CARVER

Cafharine Carver. publisher's editor, died on November II aged 76. like was born on Scotember 19, 1921.

AS A publisher, Catharine Carver made an enormous contribution to American and English literature, but her: name will never be well known, for she made it in a blue pencil, writing slantwise in the margins of typescripts.

No publisher's editor could

have given more help to her authors, or have been more resourceful in suggesting changes, some of them involvradical restructuring. With a formidably penetrating understanding of their intentions, she helped writers to be

more creative and expressive. Among the privileged many who benefited were Saul Bellow. Lionel Trilling, Flannery O'Connor, Salman Rushdie, Elizabeth Bishop, Iris Murdoch, John Berryman, Bernard Malamud, Richard Ellmann, Leon Edel and Richard

Born in Cambridge, Ohio, Catharine DeFrance Carver graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, in May 1923. After settling in New York, she worked for Harcourt Brace, Houghton Mifflin, Putnam and The New Yorker. She went on, in the mid-1950s, to become assistant editor of Partisan Review, which was in its heyday..... In the 1960s, for reasons she



all her ties with the United States. Making London her base, she worked for Chatto & Windus, and then for Oxford University Press, where she

was a commissioning editor. Then, not wanting to move with the company to Oxford. she worked briefly for Goilance editing. She did some work for Yale University Press, and, even though she was earning less than before, did a lot of editorial work for friends without any payment. Her mixture of vulnerability

and toughness was phenome-nal. Diminutive, dignified and diffident, she was modest, softspoken, gentle in manner; but her passion for literature made it impossible for her to puil punches. She was not afraid to pass the death sentence on a misbegotten project or a draft that needed to be rewritten from start to finish.

But it was often her ingenuity that realised the full potential of a novel, a biography, an article or an essay. She was incomparable both as an adviser on structure and as a scrutiniser of detail. She had an eagle eye for mistakes, and there was no limit to the trouble she was prepared to take when correcting proofs and compiling indexes. Again and again, she proved that it is the editor who really rights a

book. She was unstintingly generous to the writers she helped. but not to herself. Although she loved good theatre, good concerts and good restau-rants, she warded off all wellmeant efforts to provide financial security for her. In 1983, when she gave up

her flat in Edith Grove and sold all her books, she left England to live at a series of temporary addresses, mainly in Paris. Rome and Amster dam, staying in the flats of friends, often in their absence, sometimes looking after their pets. It was touching to see her setting off alone, frail but indomitable, with a single suitcase containing all her

Her devotion to literature and hard work sometimes seemed saintlike, but she also took an almost sensual pleasure in contact with the written word. She hated wordprocessors, perhaps because they make writing less tangi-ble. But she had an errormous sense of fun, and her innumerable friends will not forget her distinctive gurgle of She never married.

of the Joint Educational Trust and Headmaster of Windlestum House School, died of cancer on October 30 aged 65. He was born on August 17, 1932.

Born into a headmastering family that had owned Windiesham House Prep School since 1837, he was educated there before entering Stowe. But he had to watch his elder brother become headmaster of the family school while he went into the Rifle Brigade for his National Service. From there he joined the SAS before

> straight to teach at Windlesham. In 1957 he married Elizabeth Ann Willday. Within a year, his brother having departed to farm in Rhodesia, he found himself in charge and realised that the way forward was to set up a charitable trust. The Malden Trust was duly founded with a board of governors, creating a balanced constitution for the

school which lasts to this day. The Maldens were to run Windlesham House until their retirement in 1994; as a double act theirs must rate as one of the happiest, longest and most creative of educational partnerships. Under their joint charge Windlesham was outstanding among the independent prep schools of its time, and in many ways ahead of its time. Both the headmaster and his wife were



innovators, and the school became co-educational as early as 1967. The curriculum was broad, with equal emphasis on the classics and computers, on mathematics and music, chemistry and cookery. All talents were encouraged, and cramming for scholarships was forbidden.

But the resounding success of the school depended less on educational theory than on the personal qualities of the Maldens, especially their charm and style, and their warm affection for the children.

As headmaster. Charles Malden sought to make the happiness of the individual paramount. He taught a full timetable, coached all sports. read to children in the dormitories, took all chapel services and was, for a long time, his own bursar. He created a sense of security for all. including the non-teaching staff, who never counted hours as money but as service to a thriving community.

He recognised individual talents and nurtured them. challenging pupils to aim high

but as part of a continuing development which would extend to secondary school and beyond. He listened to his pupils and encouraged them to have a point of view. Instead of the normal speech day there was an open day each year, when every child was actively involved in a festival of art, drama, music and activity. The school grew from 70 pupils to over 350.

not to pass an examination

At the same time Malden was perturbed that his school was only for children whose parents could pay fees. He kept in touch with the maintained sector and was always ready to learn from it. While others were lamenting the lack of public funds to ease the transfer of pupils, the Maidens began raising money themselves. In 1971, with support from Raymond Cooper of the IAPS, he founded the Joint Educational Trust, which has enabled hundreds of children to move from the maintained sector to benefit from boarding in an independent school.

Although he contributed to a working party to change the Common Entrance examination, and sat for a short time on the IAPS council, Malden was not a committee man; he liked to spend his energies teaching and helping the staff and children in his own school. He cared deeply for the environment in which the children developed, and the tree planting scheme he created at Windlesham is a tribute to his memory.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and by their four daughters.

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PARENTS ATTACK TELEVISION VIOLENCE IN SHOWS FOR CHILDREN

Criticism of children's television programmes as "nasty", "repetitive", "alien", "terror-making" and "frightening, debased adult stuff from many of 300 parents who watched throughout October, was replied to last night by Sir Robert Fraser, director-general of the Independent Television Authority.

The criticisms were reported last night by Mr. E. Blishen, a London secondary school teacher and author, at a meeting called by the Council for Children's Welfare in London. About 60 people were present.

Mr. Blishen said the 300 parents were

wasted to watch by the council. "It is the Wild West that the main posse of parents is riding for. Too much fighting is the repeated verdict. "I have a small son who, when I meet him, sketches out a left upper out and says 'Whare'. It is the relevision Good morning. It is not individual acts of lighting but the great amount of violence that is objected to. Independent Television seems to be the principal offender in this matter." Mr. Blishen said there were many sugges-

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This discussion of violence on children's television took place 40 years ago; very little seems to have changed since then.

tions for improvements - more varied programmes, more films of children from other lands sympathetically presented, and hobbies programmes. "We need more conscience in the television studios and more conscience at home", he commented.

Mr. George Mikes recalled that some time ago his daughter Judy, then eight, was nervous and afraid of the dark, and this her parents attributed to children's television. He watched it for a week and counted 21 men killed or wounded. 24 knocked down violently. IIO shots, not including the carnage

from bows and arrows. Sir Robert Fraser, commenting on retent discussions of violence in television programmes, said last night: Independent Television has never been in the slightest doubt of the immensity of its responsibilities towards the millions of children among its viewers and towards their parents, espec now that it is known that the overwhelming majority of children in 'able to choose' homes put their happiness in our hands during peak

children's programmes.

"This is why Independent Television began the first regular television service for schools in the British Commonwealth, and the first weekly religious discussion programmes in British television at a time when children and

teenagers are still viewing ..."

After an analysis of children's programmes, he said: "It will be seen that Western and other adventure stories (ar from dominate this balanced output, amounting, in fact, to about a quarter . . It is, of course, the policy of Independent Television to exclude scenes of agony and pittless violence from such

"But it is surely more far-reaching to ask what moral standards and attitudes are likely to be absorbed from them, and I do not doubt that the thoughtful person's answer must be that they teach selflessness, honesty, endurance and our duty to protect the weak".

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The latest MORI poll for The Times shows that more than half of Tory supporters are dissatisfied with his performance, a

To add to Tory frustrations, the poll shows that Tony Blair

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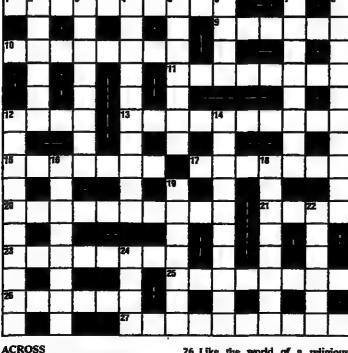
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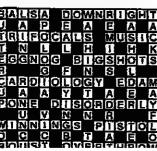
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Free enterprise, top-rate taxpayers and nuclear weapons have now been joined by private schools in the list of things that Labour loved

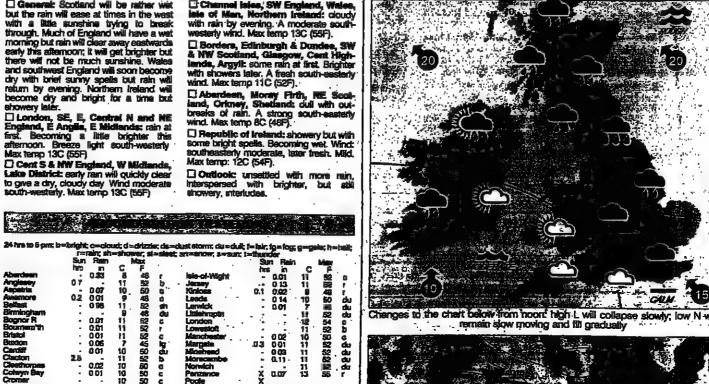
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JACK LYONS

I had always understood that-JOHN BRYANT

In sport, the really dangerous opponent, the one who can stop you in your tracks forever, is injury. And the lengths to which sportsmen will go to avoid getting hurt or find a cure for aches, pains and pulls are

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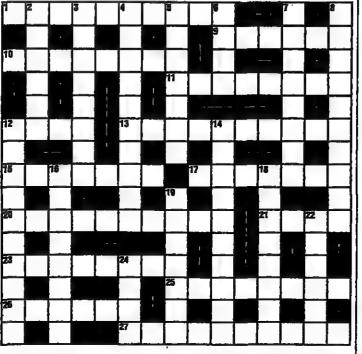
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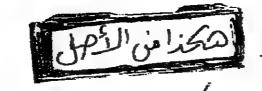
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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 1997

RJB miners face job losses for Christmas

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDEN

AS MANY as 5,000 miners are likely to be told before Christmas that they have lost their jobs as RJB Mining closes up to ten deep

RIB is expected to announce a massive restructuring within the next few weeks. Union leaders believe pressure from the workforce for information could push the company into an even earlier disclosure. RJB will assess its needs for collieries on Monday at a board meeting. There is likely to be a follow-up meeting shortly after that and then closures will be

The moves follow the confirmation yesterday of a-key three-year deal with National Power, the biggest electricity generator. That contract follows an arrangement with Eastern, the smallest of the three coal-burning generators, and leaves only sales to be agreed with PowerGen. Therefore, RJB has a strong indication of his future. output and can begin plans to scale down its operation.

The closures will inflame an already heated backlash against the Government from its own backbenchers, supporters in the coalfield areas, union leaders and

John Battle, the Energy Minisgesture in recognition of coal industry complaints against the dash for gas in electricity genera-tion. Mr Battle ordered Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, to investigate take-or-pay deals for small electricity generators. But no quick action is likely on the issue. Ofgas yesterday said that it would launch the investigation within a few days as part of an overall look into the competitive

South Yorkshire, where RIB is neadquartered, could be hardest hit on a closure programme, along with Nottinghamshire. Maltby collicry, near Rotherham, where RIB has already stopped develop-ment work, is thought by industry experts to be high on a hit list.

So too is nearby Rossington, in Doncaster, which had been closed by British Coal when the industry was sold to RJB. Other collieries that could be closed include Clipston, near Mansfield, and Calverton, near Nottingham. Both of these had also been closed by British Coal.

Today union leaders and industry representatives will press Mr Battle and Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, over Labour's action on coal and the energy industry. Labour had widely been expected to end the dash for gas in generation by putting a moratorium on new gas-fired pow-er stations. Instead, it has given approval for six in the six months it has been in office. Industry experts estimate that reduces the demand

for coal by six million tonnes. Coal campaigners are pressing for interim measures to alleviate they want the Government to order more stocks to be amassed by the generators.

Next week Mr Battle, the generators and representatives from the coal industry will be grilled by the Trade and Industry Select Committee in a hastily convened inquiry into the future of the coal



Ian Maxwell avoided bankruptcy thanks to a last-minute payment of £500,000

Ian Maxwell sued over aid

taxpayer more than £30 million, is being sued by the Legal Aid Board for recovery of £50,000 that the government body claims he should never have been paid.

The legal costs of Ian and his brother. Kevin, run up during their criminal trial were disclosed earlier this year as more than £14 million. However, the £50,000 at issue has nothing to do with the criminal trial - it was emergency legal aid granted

IAN MAXWELL, who was last year to Ian Maxwell to fight bankruptcy liquidators of the Maxwell pension funds. Ian Maxwell avoided bankruptcy thanks to a last-minute payment of £500,000 to the liquidators while Kevin was made bank-

rupt for more than £400 million, making him the largest bankrupt in this country. The Legal Aid Board said that lan Maxwell was not entitled to the payments he received. Neither he nor his lawyer, Kingsley Napley, were available for comment.

Chancellor's target cut for National **Savings**

ional Savings have caused the Chancellor to cut the agency's funding target by a third to £2 billion. The downward revision was included in this

week's pre-Budget report. In March, it was estimated that National Savings could contribute 43 billion to the Exchequer in 1997-98. National Savings schemes are failing to appeal to investors who can find better rates elsewhere.

Responding to charges that its rates were uncompetitive, National Savings moved yesterday to improve returns on some variable-rate schemes.

which range from 0.25 per cent to 0.5 per cent, National Savings revealed that it had attracted only £826 million from investors in the first seven months of the year. But the agency, which has £50 billion plus of our money in its care, remains confident of attracting the £1.2 billion needed to meet its target before April.

Rates for Income Bonds will go up 0.25 per cent from January 8, gving a rate of 7 per cent on amounts under \$25,000. The Investment Account rates will rise by up to 0.5 per cent, with balances of between £1 and £499 receiving a rate of 4.75 per cent -

It also emerged that the Chancellor's plans to overhaul vealed in the pre-Budget report, will ultimately save British businesses about £2

billion a year. The Institute for Fiscal Studies described the move to abolish advance corporation tax (ACT) and cut mainstream corporation tax to 30 per cent as a "long overdue" simplifica-

profits will save a further £1 billion a year as the problems caused by surplus ACT are But the IFS gave warning that during the transition per-iod for the reforms, the corpo-rate sector will pay £2 billion a

year in extra tax due to the change in payment schedules. At present companies pay about 40 per cent of their total tax bill in the form of ACT either during the year of shortly after the financial year

new system is fully operation-

al it will save businesses about El billion through the cut in corporation tax.

Companies that have high

overseas earnings and low UK

end. The remaining 60 per cent of the bill is paid nine months after the year end. But under the new system, companies will pay four roughly equal instalments resulting in higher tax payments

before the year end. The net effect will be to leave businesses paying about 130 per cent of their tax bill in 1998, although as the new system is phased in these surplus levels will decrease. The Treasury should also profit as the more regular flow of corporation tax through the year will make public debt forecasts easier. But the IFS was less sup-

portive of other tax and benefit don Brown. Andrew Dilnot. director of the IFS, said: "There was no clear direction on the reform of the welfare state. Some of the measures were no more than brightly coloured lollipops. The extra cash for pensioners is inconsistent with the Chancellor's

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NatWest sale

NatWest Group is within days of announcing a twoway sale of its troubled UK equities business, barring any last-minute mishaps. Bankers Trust is expected to buy the bulk of the taking derivatives. Page 27

Korea woe

Hyundai, the Korean electronics giant, is scaling back expansion plans at a site in Scotland. Page 28

Japan's economic crisis intensifies

By RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

leading credit rating agency said it was reviewing the status of the Long-Term Credit country's biggest and suppos-edly most stable banks.

LTCB was set up to provide long term funding for Japa-nese industry. It recently agreed a partnership with SBC Warburg Dillon Read. the investment bank, which yesterday it said that it could not fulfil. Moody's Investors Service

said the economic fundamentals of LTCB and four other banks, including Yasuda Trust, were very weak. Yasu-da Trust said yesterday that it would increase its capital by Y50 billion (£240 million) through the sale of headquarters and other real estate. Ryan O'Connell a Moody's analyst in New York, said Japanese banks were moving

THE financial crisis in Tokyo out of the denial stage and deepened yesterday when a tackling their problem loans. Brokers also came under increased pressure in the aftermath of Yamaichi's failure. Daiwa Securities was forced to issue a statement denying any losses from tobashi, the practice of insulating favoured clients from bad loans.

Daiwa suffered a further blow when Japanese prosecu-tors charged Hiromitsu Sogame, a former vice-chairman, and two other former executives, in connection with ing. All the Big Four brokers have now been implicated in the sokaiya scandal

As another financial institution collapsed - Tokuyo City, the regional bank - the Japanese authorities sought to calm investors by saying they were ready to use taxpayers money to prop up the financial system. The Nikkei 225 Aver-

Sterling's strength

ballooned in September, providing the first hard evidence that the strong pound is hitting exports. The global trade deficit increased from £616 million to £1.25 billion, its highest level

no longer able to trim mar-

gins to avoid losing sales. The non-EU deficit for-October narrowed slightly to £794 million from £817 million. Trade in services, published in a monthly format for the first time, showed a global surplus of

Post Office to get financial freedom

By Philip Bassett, Industrial editor

pledged to give the service.

Ian McCartney, Minister of State at the Trade and Indus-

The move is a bow to evidence submitted by the Post Office, consumer groups and unions, which have insisted the organisation's funding is taken out of the Treasury's calculation of the public sector horrowing requirement.

ment unhappiness about the Post Office's 4 per cent pay deal with its employees.

day, but in the wake of his pre-Budget statement taking a tough line on pay, he insisted that such deals had to be

the Post Office 'deal, revealed by. The Times yesterday, was within government guidelines on public sector pay. Accord-ing to the Post Office's main trade union, the Union of Communication Workers, the deal is worth about 4 per cent, including basic rate increases of 3.3 per cent and other

Mr McCartney said the Post Office and others had pressed for its employees to be taken out of the scope of the Government's public sector pay

hits trade BRITAIN'S trade deficit

for nearly a year (Alasdair

Murray writes). The rise in the deficit was led by a 0.5 per cent fall in export volumes. Over the third quarter export vol-umes increased by 0.6 per cent, compared with 4 per cent in the second quarter. Export prices also rose for the second consecutive month in September, suggesting that businesses are

THE Government yesterday vowed to give full financial freedom to the Post Office to go hand in hand with the commercial freedom it has

try Department, told the Commons Industry Select Com-mittee that the Government would change the Post Office's financial structure as part of the current review of the

It comes in spite of govern-

reached with "moderation". Mr McCartney insisted that

He said that this was an important area of decision for the Government's review.

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Gordon Brown, the Chanage closed up L1 per cent. £700 million for September. cellor, refused to comment Guinness shareholders voice contempt



Greener: did not convince audience

By DOMINIC WALSH

DIAGEO, the name chosen by Guinness and Grand Metropolitan to consummate their £23 billion merger. has attracted considerable criticism in its short life. But when it came to voting the name change through at yesterday's extraordinary general meeting in London, shareholders of Guinness showed they could be just as caustic as the most cynical media commentator.

When Tony Greener, chairman of Guinness, invited questions from the floor, some shareholders were blunt to the point of rudeness. One said: "It's anabsolute disgrace. I can't express my horror and disgust to have the socalled chairman of Guinness promoting a name that is not even in the

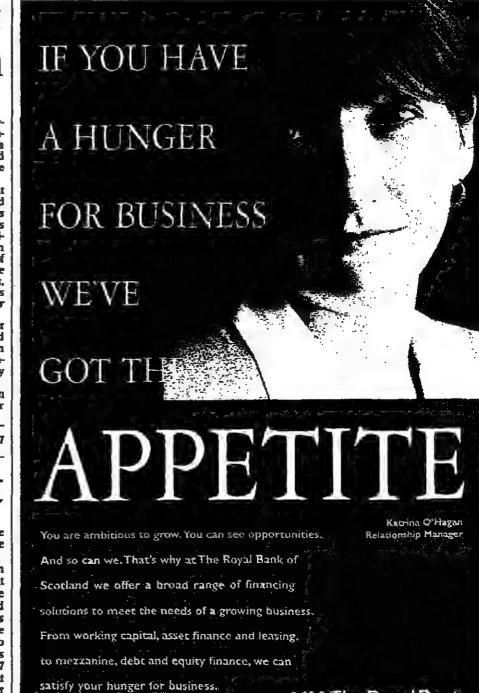
The Department of Trade report into the Guinness affair, commissioned in December 1986, will finally be published today after a lengthy delay. On page 30 we profile the City figures likely to feature in the DTI report. Jack Lyons, page 20

English dictionary." Another opined that it sounded like "some unmentionable stomach disease". Another took issue not so much with

the name but with the catchphrase that goes with it - Every day pleasure everywhere. There are many things that offer pleasure every day, every-where," he mused "Like sexual intercourse." Perhaps, he asked Mr

Greener, shareholders could be allowed to vote on Sexual Intercourse as an alternative to Diageo.

Mr Greener kept a polite but firm grip on proceedings, but his argument that Guinness would remain as the name of "the world's favourite stout and my favourite pint" failed to convince his audience. When voting the audience was divided, requiring Mr Greener to call for a poll. Sadly, the sceptics' efforts were all in vain. Proxy votes showed 97 per cent in favour, with 99 per cent supporting the merger. A similar result from the earlier GrandMet meeting means the way is clear for Diageo to take its place on Stock Exchange screens



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P&O shares drop

SHARES of P&O dropped 27p to 648 yesterday as the

shipping to property conglomerate said the average price commanded by its freight container division slipped 10 per

cent in the last quarter. Its newly formed P&O Nedlloyd Container Line division lifted third-quarter profits to \$25

million (£15 million) for July, August and September, but

City analysts said the declining container prices showed

competition from Far Eastern rivals, who have been able to

undercut Western shipping companies through currency

changes. P&O's promise to raise the freight prices in the

future provided little comfort to analysts. The merger cost

£17.8 million in the third quarter, with a further £17 million

after warning

throughput was flat at \$587 million.

Hyundai expected to curtail planned Scottish venture

By Fraser Nelson and George Sivell

HYUNDAI, the Korean electronics giant which last year agreed to open a £1.3 billion microchip plant in Scotland, now believes it may build only one of the four factories that it could fit on the site.

The move is being seen as the first sign that South Korea's British subsidiaries. which employ 11,000, are in danger from the turmoil in Korea's domestic economy and the wider problems in

Hyundai had been expected to build two factories on a site which, as The Times revealed last month, has capacity for four factories and 4,000 workers. However, the £86 million of Government subsidy is not dependent on Hyundai going ahead with the second phase. This leaves it free to cease construction if its economic fortunes change. Last year Hyundai announced a £1.1 billion invest-

ment in two factories that would create up to 1,800 jobs, but reserved the right to stop building after the first phase. The prospect of a second development in two years' time was never firmly decided and has been looking increasingly shaky as South Korea's economic woes continue.

More than 11,000 British iobs are dependent on South Korea's giant conglomerates, known as chaebol. Over the panies have invested £4.14 billion in the British economy, the lion's share in Wales and Yorkshire.

This has created 9,050 jobs, with the chaebol taking over



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Hyunda Electronics	(\$)	2,370m	2000	2000
LG Electronics	(W)	400m	4410	4410
G Sentonductors	(W)	1.300m	1700	1700
Haffin Euro Entegrism	(W)	16.9m	300	308
Mara Cine	(NE)	1m	100	100
Dong Jim Precision	(NE)	Gen	100	100
Daewoo UK	(SE)	a.Sm	400	1750
Serretura	186	ām	15	15
Davy Disington	(SE)	n/a	0	100
Fine Electromechanics	M	812,000	230 83 42	230 83 · 52
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Bung Kwang	iYi	H50.000	42	
Europa Tool Co	λŃn	LOm	250	260
Semistro	112,	30/10	500	500

Number of new jobs created: 9,961. UK jobs relying on Korean companies: 11,411 Breakdown by sector:

Manufacturing: 9,046 jobs. Services: 600 jobs. Research: 1,765

Key: S — Scotland; W — Weles; Y — Yorkshire and Humberside; L — London; Ni — Northern Ireland; SE — South East.

Dissolving: Larry Pillard saw profits decrease by £117m from 460p to close at 466 2p.

Bitter blows to profit at Tate & Lyle

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By ADAM JONES

THE strong pound and an £82 million one off charge took a heavy toll of Tate & Lyle, the sugar and sweeteners group, where full-year profits dropped from £276.3 million to £159.3 million.

Exchange rate movements accounted for £41.7 million of the fall, said Larry Pillard, chief executive, including £24.8 million on profits translation. The £82 million exceptional charge, announced at the interims, covers cost-cutting in the US and asset

Tate & Lyle is still making a loss in China but its Bulgarian plant reopened in June with the return of economic stability to the country.

Turnover fell from £5.16 sillion to £4.65 billion. At Staley, Tate's US concern, margins on high fructose corn syrup, used in fizzy drinks, were the lowest ever. The syrup contributed only 7 per cent of Staley profits, despite being contributing up to 75 per cent historically

A final dividend of 11.7p will be paid on February 6, making a total of 17p (16p) for the year. Tate & Lyle shares rose.

quire the shares of the princi-

pal shareholders and make a

mandatory public offer, on the

same terms, for Sun Inter-

national with the remaining

shares held by the public

Airtours said the total price for

Sun international, if it bought

all the share capital, would be

about £70 million and said

costs would be met from

expected in the fourth. The company said the merger is still on course to deliver £120 million savings in the full year. P&O Nedlloyd has now made a nine-month profit of \$30 million, against \$8 million last time. Tempus, page 28

EUROTUNNEL has finally agreed with its creditor banks the E8 billion restructuring of its debts. The final agreements were signed by banks earlier this week. Shareholders agreed to the restructuring in July and it should be complete in the first quarter of next year. Patrick Ponsolle, executive chairman of Eurotunnel, said that now the restructuring had been agreed, the company could "concentrate totally on further developing Eurotunnel's quality of services and

Eurotunnel agreement

Bingo sale at Vardon

SHARES in Vardon, the leisure group that owns the London Dungeon, jumped 10p to 118p yesterday when it announced the sale of its bingo operations for £30.5 million to management. Vardon said the cash would be used to wipe out debt, and that it would concentrate on expanding its health and fitness divi-sion through a £50 million acquisition programme over the next few years. The £175,000-a-year job of David Hudd. Vardon's executive chairman, will disappear in the restructuring. He is likely to receive compensation of about £350,000.

AIM comes under fire

THE Alternative Investment Market is poorly controlled, badly sponsored and suffers from a lack of research. according to respondents to this year's Extel Survey of smaller comanies. Just over three quarters of respondents decribed the quality of AIM stocks as "poor", but conceded that the market does provide a vital service to small companies that would otherwise seek venture capital. Just over 44 per cent said that the London Stock Exchange has since made "adequate" changes to the market's governance.

recovery of the market in the L2-month period ahead."

Power competition prediction

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC expects only 5 per cent of electricity customers to bother switching suppliers when competition in household power begins.

It also gave a warning on the tight timerable for competition, which is set to start on a phased

basis in April, because a key agreement over the IT system

s not vet been sealed. The company yesterday cemented an existing marketing deal with Argos, the catalogue chain, to sell electricity on top of the Southern Electric gas it already promotes.

earnings from generation to 30 per cent of its total within three years. It has a venture with British Energy to build 20

companies that employed a

further 1,450 workers. The

vast majority have been in the

manufacturing sector, with

1,760 in research and 600 in

Yesterday, Soosan Heavy

Industries, one of the top 100

South Korean companies in

terms of sales, applied for

Trading in an affiliate, Daeho

Construction Co, was sus-

pended and the Seoul stock

index closed 2.29 per cent

lower. It fell 10 per cent on

market chiefs met Lim Chang-

yuel, the finance and economy

minister, and pressed for mea-

sures that would supply more

liquidity and support share

prices. They called on the

Government to speed up its

negotiations with the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund for a

\$20 billion (£12 billion) loan.

Foreign exchange dealers say that the country needs the money to restock foreign re-

serves depleted in a failed

attempt to defend the won, the

Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, said that the

outlook for South Korea was

bleak and unlikely to improve

soon. Experts from the invest-

ment bank said that the coun-

try faced years of painful

restructuring, and it would take months for value to

emerge in its stock market. Goldman Sachs added:

There is no fundamental

reason why we should see

national currency.

the services sector.

Monday.

small gas-fired power stations. Southern's pre-tax profit for the six months to September 30 fell from £112.2 million to £103 million although the previous period's figures had been flattered by an exceptional credit of 68 million. The interior dividend, payable on January 23: is 10.1 per cent (7.1p).

Goodman in TV travel launch

Airtours takes Belgian stake

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

gian francs (£81) per share, but the deal is conditional on Sun

International disposing of its

interests in its associate com-

pany, Sunparks International.

per cent of the issued share

capital of Sunparks and has

loans, guarantees and other

- Airtours said once Sun-

parks was sold, it would ac-

Sun International holds 46

BY DOMINIC WALLIE

AIRTOURS, the UK's second-

largest tour operator, has agreed a £56 million deal to buy

30 per cent of Sun Internation-

al, the Belgian holiday group.

Sun International operate

in Britain, The Netherlands

and France and carried about

1.4 million passengers in the year to October 31. It had sales of E251 million.

Airtours will pay 4,900 Bel-

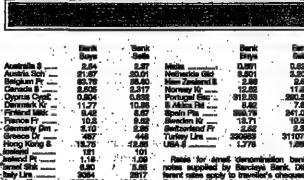
HARRY GOODMAN, whose International Leisure Group (ILG) was the UK's second piegest tour operator when it collapsed in 1991, has joined forces with Flextech, the media group, to sell holidays in the

The new partners are to atinch a "transactional" trav-

el channel that will carry programmes on destinations showing hotels, resorts and cruise liners, as well as information on services such as car hire and foreign currency. Viewers then book by phone. Flextech, which supplies basictier channels to the cable and satellite market, will hold

his partner in Marchrand, which developed the concept, will hold the balance as joint managing directors.

Mr Goodman said the channel would "revolutionise the holiday booking experience", adding "It will provide the trave industry with a new way of buying indidays."



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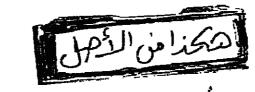
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Redland's independence had been lost, but the price of 345p against the 257p where the shares were languishing before Lafarge responded to Agnew's implied challenge added up to honour

Some shareholders might have hoped for more, particularly those who had been bured into Redland four years ago when the price easily topped £6. But by the time Agnew became involved at Redland the skids had settled into place and he can regard the price squeezed out of the French group as a triumph. It is another notch on a corporate bow which is already well scored after four tussles within a decade.

That experience, ranging from saving Lasmo from the determined attack by Enterprise Oil to securing a good price for Cons-Gold shareholders, has taught Agnew the importance of timing. It is no coincidence that Lafarge was persuaded to pay up on the eve of Redland's publication of its final defence document.

Even with the help of the best spin doctors, that document might have been looking a little on the thin side as far as offering shareholders a rosy future. While

offering up the scalp of chief executive Robert Napier might have been seen as evidence of a determination to do better in the future, it was also a reflection on the dismal state into which Redland had deteriorated while he

was at the helm. In Napier's defence it can be said that building materials has not been the best of sectors to be in throughout the last decade, but others might not have found themselves in the unhappy position of having to amuse shareholders with a series of profit warnings. A chief executive who is both optimistic and unlucky is a fearful combination to set before fund managers, Nonetheless, it appears to have

been Napier who ensured that Lafarge was persuaded to up its bid on Tuesday night. Unable to rely on its own prospects of improving the business to fend off the French attack, Redland had set about deconstruction as an alternative defence. In particular, it sought to extricate itself from its troublesome German, joint venture. Napier took on the role of persuading the Germans to buy our Redland and, in a remarkably short time he agreement in a remarkably short time, he succeeded in getting them to the brink of a deal. That



become a little more generous with its offer.

Perhaps, because of this, shareholders should not begrudge Napier too much of his payoff. As for Agnew, he must surely now feature on the very limited list of those City mercenaries who can be called on to fight in any interesting corporate battle. Up in Bradford, as Allied Colloids squares up against the American Hercules, they may be tempted to seek his

Time to deliver for Post Office

The Post Office slipped in its pay rise just before the Chancellor of the Exchequer prepared to tell the nation of his insistence that pay rises should be "moderate". Quite what amounts to moderate he is unwilling to specify. Is the proportion to be judged by Cabinet Minister standards — a 40 per cent hike being widelyacceptable in those quarters - or by the standards of the market

In the latter case, the Post Office decision seems quite A 3.3 per cent increase in basic

pay, increases in allowances on a similar scale and a lump sum payment of £55 is below many private sector increases. But the Post Office, despite the

wishes of its consecutive bosses, is not the independent body it would like to be. The previous Government shied away from privatisation for a variety of spurious reasons connected to what it saw as potential vote losses. The current administration is equally averse to full blooded privatisation.

Yet Sir Michael Heron, the Post Office chairman, is itching to be given the freedom to compete in the commercial world. Yesterday the Governhim some limited financial freedom but that will still keep it firmly under the eyes of Gordon Brown, and his insistence that public sector pay should be kept within tight limits. He cannot have the Post Office encouraging other public sector bodies into

bad ways. But the Post Office has been increasing its efficiencies and an insistence that it should not be able to reward staff for their contributions in this direction would be unjust and, ultimately, counter productive. There are still queues at Post

Office counters but the services on offer once you reach the counters are ever-increasing. The latest idea is to help out banks such as Lloyds TSB and the Coop by turning every PO into a branch office for them. The clearers benefit by being able to shut their branches, bringing down costs, while continuing to offer a bit of a service to customers through the Post Ofout as just such a bright idea but this new incarnation could just

There is much more that it could, and should, be encouraged to do. But this sort of enterprise flourishes best in the private sector. New Labour should be able to come to terms with that proposition.

Short measures of justice

mong those struggling to plough through the Guinness report as it comes into the public domain this morning will be the gentlemen at the Securities and Futures Authority. The events covered in the document may have taken place a decade ago, before the SFA had even arrived on the scene, but Nicholas Durlacher and his team still have jurisdiction over some of those who were involved. They will have to decide whether there is a case for them to reexamine the roles of those who once put their skills to work on behalf of Ernest Saunders and his ambitions and are still practising in the City.

Guinness trials degenerated into would be horrifying for all

But until the report, so long kept under wraps, has been fully perused, we should not rule out the prospect of the SFA deciding that it cannot sit back and do nothing simply because of the

passing of years. The report is likely to tell us that there was nothing terribly unusual about the way the Guinness battle was fought, that the City had long deemed share suport operations the sensible way to ensure victory in con-tested bids.

On that basis, the players who have already been punished for their role in the affair may rightly claim to have been treated a little unfairly.

Ticket to rise

THE high spending Japanese tourist is likely to be an unusual sight around Europe's capital cities for the next few years, but the fall out from the latest Asian flu bout has not hurt Vendôme. The company is continuing to demonstrate that there is a strong market for luxury goods if they come with the right brand label. And it seems that in the late 1990s, you can't beat a Beatles' daughter for bringing in

NatWest near to deal on equities sale

NATWEST GROUP is within days of announcing a two-way sale of its troubled UK equities business, barring any last-

Bankers Trust, the US investment bank, is expected to buy the bulk of NatWest Markets' equities business, with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell taking the derivatives arm.

City analysts hope NatWest will obtain at least book value for the business, said to be about £500 million. An unsolicited offer of £150 million from DMC earlier this month was dismissed as derisory.

NatWest Murkets suffered a severe blow to its reputation parant bank to write off 577 be a good fit for Bankers million. The event triggered a "Trust," said one banker. welter of speculation about the Any sale would raise signifi-

The bank has consistently nied that it intends to sell off

line is that NatWest Markets is being restructured under a

But, after Barclays sold the equities division of BZW, its investment bank, to Credit Suisse First Boston for £100 million at the beginning of October; NatWest has been beset by potential bidders who are convinced the investment banking arm is for sale.

NatWest refused last night to comment on reports that a imminent, but it is understood Trust and DMG, the UK earlier in the spring when a investment banking arm of mispricing calculation in its " Deutsche Bank, are ongoing options division forced the "It makes sense and it would

particularly Hambro Magan,

Vendôme shares leap as profits rise 30%

VENDOME, the Anglo-Swiss that recently appointed Stella McCartney as chief designer, saw its shares rise 4212p yesterday to 395p, after it reported a surge in international sales saw turnover up 25 per cent in

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STOCK MARKET



Talk of big corporate deal brings out the speculators

throughout the Square Mile suggest that another major corporate deal may be unfoldine.

So it came as no surprise that leading contenders were treated to another flurry of speculative buying. Leading the charge was London & Manchester, where the shares rose 26p to a new peak of 514p. There is talk that Britannic, a rival, also 9p better at a new high of £10.06 a. may be contemplating a bid. This would create an enlarged life assurance company with a price tag of £2.5 billion.

The speculation also split over into another old takeover favourite, Norwich Union, up Hp at 368p. Speculative buy-ing was also directed at the insurance composites, with Commerical Union stretching its lead this week by a further 21p to 818p, while General Accident rose in sympathy 162p to £10.032 and Royal SunAlliance put on 18p

Takeover talk also came back to haunt Vodfaone, Britain's biggest mobile phone operator, with the price firming 7p to 381p in heavy turnover of 11.54 million shares, ATT&T continues to be mentioned as a potential

The rest of the equity market managed to claw back some of this week's lost ground, but closed below its best levels after a warning from the White House that the turmoil in the Far East would impact on the US economy. The FTSE 100 index having been 43.8 points higher at one stage, eventually reduced its lead to 27.7 at 4,89),2 reflecting the loss of early gains on Wal Street. Total turnover reached a healthy 829 million shares.

Overnight selling in the US saw BP crumble 384p to 808p. Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, added to the group's woes by lowering its forecast for the oil price from \$19 a barrel to \$18.

US Food and Drug Administration approval for Zomig, an oral treatment for migraine, gave Glaxo Wellcome a boost, with the price climbing 22p to £13.80. Glaxo estithat 23 million Americans suffer from migraine and that the global market is worth nearly £900

support also spilt over into the



Gold price fears saw Rio Tinto touch 730o before rallying

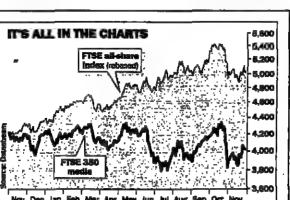
with SmithKline Beecham rising 162p to 592p, and

Zeneca 39p to £18.27. Redland rose 412p to 3392p on the news that it had agreed the terms of a £1.8 billion offer from Lafarge. The French group has agreed to increase its terms from 320p to 345p a share. Redland told shareholders at its annual meeting that it might be vulnerable to a

bid following the dramatic

colapse in its share price from a peak of 378p. The bid for Redland also

directed support towards Hanson, 92p better at 3012p, and Blue Circle Industries, 13 p dearer at 357 p. Wolseley remains a firm brokers. SBC Warburg Dillon Read rates the shares a "buy" and has set a target price of 570p. It closed 12p easier at



Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, has its own answer to Mystic Meg. It is the media team of Nick Ward and Gareth Thomas who says it is all in the charts. They have been number crunching and poring over the charts in order to establish the best "buys" in the

They say the charts show the market: price earnings, enterprise value and equity value and trading cash flow from 1996 to the turn of the

lines rise, the company's

growth is submarket. When the pricerelative falls, the rate of growth is above market. The stock is cheap or expensive not because of where the line starts but according to how steeply the line falls.

Impressed, eh? Put more simply, the strongest recommendations include at 1912p, United News & Media, 22p lighter at 742p and Reed International, 132p stronger at 6242p. The "sells" include Reuters, down 8p at 69ip, and EML 13p lower at 457p.

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from this week's recommen dation from Société Général Strauss Turnbull, the broken with a rise of 132p to 4412p. The profits warning from

Billion came after the officer close on Tuesday, but th shares still fell 8p to 15312 when business resumed yes

The mining group that wa demerged from Gencor earlie this year said that the drama ic decline in the spot level of prices for coal, nickel an ferro-alloys would make dent in profits for the full year. But there was better news

for RJB Mining. Britain's biggest deep-onal miner, up 9p at 1572 p.It has won a threeyear contract to supply Natonal Power, 32p firmer at 5634p, with 18 million tonnes

The RJB share price fell sharply last month after Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, said that the failure to secure fresh supply contracts could see almost 80 per cent of its business wiped out during the next few years. The price has fallen from a peak of 453p this year.

Worries that the gold price could continue failing on world markets saw Rio Tinto touch 730p before railying to close op firmer at 743p. Societe Générale Strauss Turnbull is cautious about the short-term outlook for gold.

GILT-EDGED: Revived

fears of an interest rate rise took the shine off the bond market with prices closing Shorter-dated issues

underperformed the rest of the market to close with small losses on the day undermined by Tuesday's "green Budget "that set an inflation target of ." per cent rpi-x for the final quarter. That is half a point higher than the figure already forecast by the Bank of England.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the Long Gilt finished three ticks lower at Ell815:s in moderate trading. Among convetional issues.

Treasury 8 per cent 2021 added £316 at £119%, while at the shorter end Treasury 7 per cent 2002 lost £4 at £1002732.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were firm at midday, but little could be read into the low volume of trade ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday to-morrow, analysis said. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.18 points at 7,882.13.

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The art of breaking up BREAKING UP may be hard to do, but it is this suggests P&O shares are heading for a the only way for the Peninsular & Oriental promised land of 816p. But P&O is not hellbent on a full demerger.

the money to build the fast link from Central London is

there is the issue of whether

the licence to operate is being extended, and at what cost.

Eurotunnel is concerned that

the British Government is

going to force it to cut freight

prices, something the tun-

nel's chiefs are keen to avoid.

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make more advances from their recent run. Its problem is being second best in everything. Its many divisions are all capital intensive, all competing for group resources

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with seldom enough to go round. And while its exhibition centres sit alongside the ferries, the shares will suffer from the Hanson effect — the merits of the 11th division are lost on analysts whose eyes have glazed over after the fifth division.

Although it has placed Bovis on the auction block, it seems less than committed to doing the full monty. Optimists see a golden era where P&O will have stripped right down to a glistening cruises division. As shares of US cruisers enjoy multiples of 20 times earnings,

Its tactics have been to sell the family silver when the coffers run low, with no firm commitment about the long-term strategy.

In the mean time it stands with bizarre titbits; exhibition centres at Earls Court is: great but what's it doing with P&O? Even in the core Nedloyd division, average container prices are down 10 per cent as competition heats up from the cheap and cheerful Far Eastern rivals.

This all demands special management attention, yet the company seems set to remain a conglomerate for a long time to come. The shares have now caught up with the post-Bovis break-up range; for now, the time to buy has passed.

Eurotunnel is about as posi-

tive as it has been in the 11

So are the shares worth

buying? The market thinks

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if you have a long-term view

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Eurotunnel

AT LAST eveything seems to be going right for Euro-tunnel. The shareholders agreed the restructuring. The banks agreed the restructuring. The European Commission has agreed to let Stars merce with P&O. let Stena merge with P&O, which is good news for Eurotunnel as it means next summer's price war will not be as fierce as had been feared. The suppliers have agreed to a massive cut in the cost of the rolling stock for Le Shuttle. What could possibly

go wrong? Well, one or two things. Currencies are still not helping, with the strength of sterling deterring French tourists from coming to the UK in a way not mitigated by the number of British crossing the Channel. The problems that London & Continental Railways is having raising

But, all in all, the outlook for time to tuck some away. UNDER WATER 700 600 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1995 1997

Anglogold

"ROTTEN assets remain rotten assets whatever the corporate packaging," said Bobby Godsell, chief executive of Anglogold, the giant formed from Anglo American's diverse gold interests. Amid all the reshuffling, he was trying to focus investors on the continuing need to improve Anglogold's costly South African mines. Dozens of shafts have closed and there is more hacking to do before costs are down to \$250 an ounce.

In a week when gold prices dipped below \$300 an ounce, Mr Godsell's words have a resonance beyond Anglogold's efficiency drive 'Why about Anglogold and its rival Goldco — being formed by when their underlying com-modity appears rotten?

Gold's status as a stable repository of value is in mortal danger. Some in the indus-try weakly pin their hopes on India's nouveau riche driving

ewellery demand forward. Others believe central banks now realise it is not in their interests to suggest selling gold reserves.

Having said that, Anglo American's sudden urge to open up has been welcomed as an aign of further changes. Anglogold appears to have won some prime, efficient assets from JCI, and its gearing is low, meaning profits kick-in earlier than many think. If you must have gold exposure, it could be attrac-tive, especially if the risk premium placed on South: Africa seems overcooked.

Rilliton

THERE are mutterings in the City that Billiton and its cosponsors, UBS and Robert' selves when the South African

Billiton, the base metals company spun off from South Africa's Gencor, soon hit 250p but has since found the going tough. Yesterday, the shares closed down a further op at 1532 p as investors digested a profits warning issued after the London market closed on: Tuesday.

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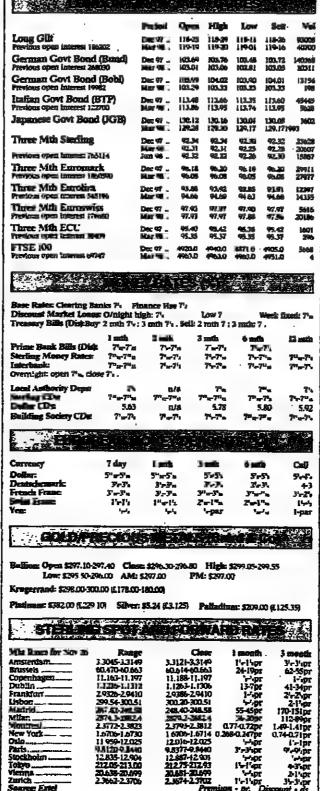
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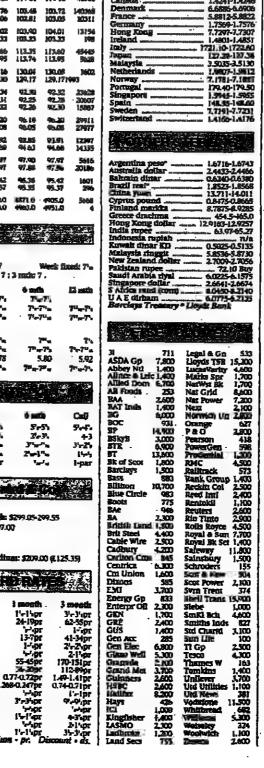
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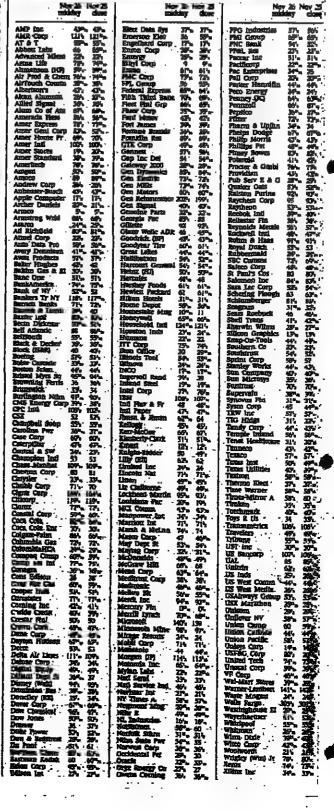
Brian Gilbertson, chairman, gave warning that the turmoil in world markets has already meant a substantial decrease in coal, nickel and ferroalloy prices, but not, so far, in aluminium, its key product: In the statement to the market that accompanied the annual results. Mr Gilbertson suggested that 170p was a price that "offered sound value" but the City begged to differ.

London's reaction was perhaps a bit extreme; there was little that was really new in the warning. But outside of 100 — there is little active ownership in UK funds and a big chunk of the shares are still in South Africa. Its overrated start has done little to encourage more

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THE TIMES THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 1997

A sleaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Swallowed their last mouthfuls of Vancouver Asian chaos may kill Clinton's 'big idea'

salmon and headed home yesterday, they issued an upbeat final statement. The 18 countries in the forum asserted that "financial stability and sustainable growth" were just round the corner in spite

of three months of crisis. In this exercise in optimism. President Clinton appeared triumphant. Although he and Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State, avoided saying "I told you so", the crisis vindicates the US's repeated demands for Asia to open its markets, largely ignored during the 15 years of the Asian miracle

But Mr Clinton himself is a less obvious victim of the crisis. The turmoil is likely to prove the death knell for his hopes of liberalising global trade, the closest policy he has to a Big Idea. His commitment led him to raise Apec to the status of a summit in 1993, to push through the Nafta trade pact with Mexico and Canada, and to help to create the World Trade Organens that project, as well as economic growth, the two legacies he thought were safest.

One of the sources of the Asian crisis has been governments' en-couragement of loans to fuel the construction, boom that has left South-East Asian skylines dotted with partly empty skyscrapers. Loans struck in foreign currencies were inadequately supported by assets in the same currency. leaving lenders vulnerable as overvalued exchange rates fell. The fear that lenders would rush continue and to spread to other

Whether this can be checked depends on whether the \$60 billion (£35.75 billion) rescue plan led by the International Monetary Fund can restore confidence. It also depends on whether Asian .

role that corruption and special favours - the dark side of the Asian miracle - have played in the crisis. On both these points, Japan can play a critical role as a firebreak, if its authorities choose.

The first test of whether the afflicted countries are willing to contemplate profound reform is their response to the US's call for more open markets in banking and insurance. The final Apec sised that all efforts are on a "voluntary basis" - said: "We to sell assets pushed down stock undertake to work in a deter-markets, the spiral threatened to mined fashion to achieve a surcessful conclusion to WTO by December 12, 1997."

But US and Canadian officials yesterday were sceptical that this amounted to a commitment to



Although Mr Clinton tried to

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that governments will use the turmoil to justify protectionism and secrecy. Nor is Mr Clinton in a strong position to puncture this faces at home to trade liberalisation. It is now clear that one immediate effect of the crisis will be to increase America's trade deficit with Asian countries, already an explosive issue in Congress. Japan said this week that US fears were "reasonably accurate".

A widening deficit will make Mr Clinton's faint hopes of winning new powers to negotiate trade agreements even fainter. On the eve of the summit he was dealt which refused to grant him "fasttrack" powers to negotiate trade deals without detailed amendment by itself. Democrats, opcan jobs, will seize on evidence of a widening delicit when Congress resumes in January.

The crisis is also likely to complicate Mr Clinton's attempt to get Congress's support for more funding for the IMF. Even though the bail-out of Mexico by the IMF and the US four years ago was successful, and the loans repaid, Congress remains antagonistic to the US's role in such rescues. Last week it turned down Mr Clinton's request for an additional \$3.5 billion for the IMP.

The Asian slump will also inevitably have an effect on USgrowth. Tentative estimates range from a 0.2 to 0.5 per cent impact on gross domestic product next year. Although cheaper imports will help to calm fears of inflation and further interest rate rises, the impact may take the shine off the economic boom that has under

pinned Mr Clinton's popularity, and remains Vice-President Gore's best hope of reaching the White House in 2000.

Mr Clinton need not have been as politically vulnerable to the Asian crisis as he now appears. Had he been clearer in explaining what he intended to do with fasttrack powers, he would have had a chance of focusing attention on the access America would gain in distant markets, rather than allowing it to diminish into an argument about losing jobs to Mexico. Had he resisted the temptation of equating national interests with a trade surplus, he would not be so vulnerable to these devaluations.

But the fact is that he is now associated, probably inextricably. with the failure of fast-track and with a widening trade deficit. A shock now given to the Asian economies may succeed in bringing about reform where Mr Clinton's lectures failed. In which case, he will see the seeds of his campaign bear fruit in some

Today's 'great game' prompts oil and gas groups to get together

Recent deals

obscure

prolonged

negotiation, says Carl

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century ago the Imperial armies of Russia and Britain eyed each other suspiciously over the mountain ranges of Central Asia. British spies, disguised as merchants and holy men, flitted from India through Afghanistan to Samarkand and Tashkent in the hope of obtaining early warning of the advance of Tsarist troops. Kipling described this high-altitude intrigue and skirmish as "the Today, Russia's armies are

more concerned with quelling nationalist uprisings than with foreign adventure, but a century on there is a new great game being played in Central Asia by Western oil companies. So far, it is peaceful, but the stakes are much larger than a few square miles of territory, and this time Pussia is the target of foreign waders. The struggle is for control of the vast energy reserves in Siberia and Central

Asia.
Only weeks after Boris Yeltsin, the Russian President, announced that foreigners would be allowed to take control of Russian oil and gas companies, BP and Shell separately re-vealed that they had agreed strategic alliances with leading players in the Russian oil and gas industry. On Monday last week BP announced that it would buy 10 per cent of AO Sidanco, a Russian oil company, and fund a joint venture development of Kovyktinskoye, a massive gas condensate field in Eastern Siberia.

Just as BP announced its \$750 million (£430 million) investment, Shell said that it had entered into an alliance with RAO Gazprom, the Russian gas utility. Shell is to subscribe for \$1 billion in convertible bonds issued by Gazprom and the two companies will jointly develop oil and gas liquids from the Zapolyamoye field in Last week's flurry of activity



Deals such as Shell's with Gazprom could extend far beyond just the development of a Siberian oilfield

obscures the prolonged diplomatic courtship that made these deals possible. It also ignores the possibility that Shell's deal with Gazprom could go far beyond just the development of a Siberian oilfield. Even by Shell's standards. Gazorom is a monster. It owns 30 per cent of the world's known gas reserves, seven times the hydrocarbon assets of Shell and Exxon combined. Last year Gazprom supplied almost a fifth of the gas consumed in Western Europe, with Germany and France relying on Russia for more than a third of their gas .consumption. If Shell wants access to

Russia's energy wealth, Gaz-prure too has imperialistic ambitions and is keen to reach further downstream in Europe in search of markets - the Russian company already has a joint venture with Germany's Wintershall and a stake in the UK-Netherlands gas interconnector. With rising demand for clean fuel, the Russians see a tremendous epportunity. Hence Gazorom's \$12 billion investment in the Yamal pipeline linking Siberia with Germany. But Gazprom lacks cash — the company is plagued with bad debts because of its social obligations to bankrupt Russian communities.

This is where Shell comes in. The company has been in talks, on and off, with Gazprom for ten years. Cor Herkströter, chairman of the Anglo-Dutch oil group, ex-plains: "We started talking in the late 1980s. At the time they didn't know anybody outside the Soviet Union. Gazprom was so big and bureaucratic. It took a long time to develop a relationship and discover each other's ouglities."

.The problems are as much. political as coltural. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Western oil companies have been engaged in an elaborate dance with Russia, but even now investors are deterred by the absence of a legal system that gives comfort to Western capitalists. There are still doubts about the security of production sharing contracts in Russia - a standard arrangement in the oil industry which shares out the proceeds

from each barrel of oil between the State and the oil company. The necessary laws have been blocked by Communists in the Russian Parliament, but the alternative solution chosen by BP and Shell - joint ventures with local companies — is not entirely satisfactory, as Shell could easily testify. The latter struggles in Nigeria with a joint venture partner that is heavily in arrears on its share

of development costs. hell and BP have been forced to swallow hard and accede to Russian demands for cash bonuses as a precondition to any oil deal. BP is buying shares in a company with a poor production record - the result of a decade of low investment. Meanwhile, Shell is restuing a Gaznrom bond issue that was due to be launched in November but was postponed after the Asian financial crisis. Emerging markets are not flavour of the month and rumours suggested that the US. would object to American sup-port for the Gazprom issue; the

ssian company being a part-

ner in the Iranian South Pars gasfield development. Coincidentally, Shell is reputed to be keen to find its own route into the vast Iranian gasfields.

However. Dresdner Klein-wort Benson, which helped to put together the Gazprom-Shell alliance, says the \$2 billion bond issue will go ahead next year with the support of Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank and con-US investment bank, and participation by Shell to the tune of \$1 billion. Mr Herkströter is or \$1 billion. Mr Herkstroler is philosophical about the cost to Shell of supporting Gazprom's debt issue. "Call it a modern way of exploring for oil and gas," he said. "Oil exploration is always risky. You invest dollars in something you don't know is them. In this rase we know is there. In this case we invest dollars in something we

know is there." The West's big integrated oil companies are desperate for low-risk growth opportunities, and Shell, which failed to increase its production in the past quarter, is no exception. What Shell gets from Gazprom is up to 250,000 barrels per day from a field in Eastern Siberia; equivalent to about 10 per cent

But even as the ink dries on the agreement, oil companies look to the next deal and beyond. The alliance is ostensibly about raising Gazprom's unex-ploited oil reserves from the around, but the longer-term attraction of Gazprom for Shell is that the combination of the Russian company's resources and Shell's expertise and financial muscle offer endless possibilities. The two partners are linking up with Lukoil, another Russian oil company, to bid for the \$2 billion privatisation of Rosneft, which has big reserves in Northern Siberia. Gazorom and Shell are discussing a gas pipeline from the Caspian region to the Black Sea and into Turkey, which is hoping to double its gas imports by 2005. China is crying out for energy, and Siberia is the nearest big source of gas. And then there is Europe.

Thile British and American oil company executives sat in Mospuzzling over the lapsing Russian empire, Gazprom was sending its troops west in search of cash, markets and better profit margins. The Russians want to get closer to European consumers but they face opposition from protectionist European state gas monopolies. They also face stiff competition from Shell and others pumping gas out of the North Sea. Meanwhile, Algeri-an gas is arriving in Spain and Italy through sub-sea pipelines and, soon, Nigerian liquefied

natural gas will reach Mediterranean ports. The partners insist that this is all about Russian oil, and in the near term the investment will go into Siberian oilwells. but even now there are other opportunities. Mr Herkströter said that marketing alliances would not be excluded. "It is a very wide-ranging agreement We will study all projects that make sense." These would include gas swaps. Rather than importing Siberian gas and incurring pipeline tariffs, Shell would swap North Sea

gas into the system. The sight of the two largest players in Europe's gas market forming an alliance is intriguing, to say the least. It could have ramifications that even the partners don't imagine. It is in every sense a great game.

Confessions of a short-termist

Graham Searjeant queries the

Chancellor's call for virtue

The shame of it. According to Gordon Brown "we must all be longtermists now". If only it were true. The trouble is that those who took the long view from the 1970s to the 1990s have long since been driven out of business. Those who survived have been forced to cleave to a less intellectually appealing but more pragmatic line. Most of British business is now run by people who learnt the hard way. It will take more than soundbites from the Chancellor and his entourage to change hearts and minds.

Being a long-termist was never easy. You had that cosy feeling of virtue but in the City, at least, you were marked out as a wet, long before Margarett Thatcher's spin doctors thought of the term. When people were making money out of asset-stripping, only killjoys complained that this are away at the economy's capacity to grow. When takeover kings created cash and cut costs, it seemed churlish to complain that research, longterm investments and costly expansion into new markets

were being sacrificed. Some of us clung to this virtuous view, pointing to the difference between Anglo-Sax-on and Asian or continental ways. But we had to admit that those who looked after today would more likely prosper tomorrow. Starting in enlightenment, we saw the darkness.

The ghost of Lord Keynes had something to do with it. His famous put-down, insist-ing that "in the long term we are all dead", was part of a theoretical debate. Classical economists insisted that slumps or shocks were detours on the road to long-run equilibrium, where adjustments in wages ensure jobs for all and interest rates would equate savings with the returns to be earned from investment. The long run, as Lord Keynes showed, had no relevance to entrepreneurs and consumers Long-term equilibrium is

never reached because of events, dear boy, events. That is seared on managers' minds by recessions, notably in 1974. 1981 and 1990-92. ICI's greatest long-term

planner reached the chair just as the early 1980s slump submerged manufacturing in short-term emergency. A decade later, one top insolvency practitioner told companies to focus on survival even if that meant wrecking long-term prospects. It was great advice. Why have a great future if you go bust next week. Many of the greatest long-term property times to Canary Wharf, have ruined their promoters because short-term changes in interest rates and property

values got in the way. Financial markets are becoming ever more short-term and who is to say they are wrong. The trend of investors. managers and even utility regulators is to join them rather than try to beat them. Groups that saddle themselves with long-term overheads are likely to be outsmarted in the short-term and bought by those who care

Short-term values have been driven by uncertainty, Gordon Brown is right to offer business the greatest possible incentive to long-term vision: a stable economic environment of continuous growth, low inflation and relatively stable interest rates. That is his motive for joining the euro.

Those who have become short-termists by experience will still take some convincing. The new long-termist antiinflationary world order still seems to have no answer to the short-term shock of recession.

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Bah, humbug!

A SERIOUS outbreak of the Scrooge spirit down at Canary Wharf, BZW pensioners learn that the Credit Suisse purchase means a change of name for their former employer, and no corporate diary this year. Quite July a diary labelled BZW is less practical for recording appointments than one labelled Barclays Capital, I cannot say. But it gets worse. The traditional Christmas Carol Service at Southwark Cathedral has been cancelled "due to commitments aris-

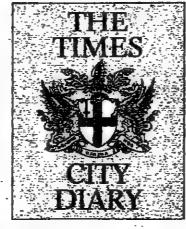


"I'm sorry — when you said Diageo, I thought you were joking"

ing from the reorganisation of the business coupled with the lack of easy transport to the Cathedral*. Hopefully there will be a service next year, by which time transport prob-lems in South London will miraculously have been solved, I suppose. And there is no Christmas hamper this year, just a special payment of £50 with the December pension. And a happy Christmas to the lot of you. = ● I HAVE news for all those commuters who wonder why the train service

into Waterloo is so poor. It is run by a Romanian mobile phone company. Romania, I am amazed to learn, now has two mobile phone operators, so presumably at least two mobile phones. They are called Connex and Dialog. But aren't these names somewhat familiar? Connex is a privatised rail operator with a lousy reputation, and Dialog is Dan Wagner's MAID, now it is merged with Knight Ridder.

The awful possibility dawns that those overpaid corporate identity specialists have run out of new company names and are having to recycle old ones. There is a world name shortage. And there are two new Romanian mobile phone licences about to be awarded, once two more mobile phones have arrived. One of which they will probably call Diageo.



Chicken run

FLIPPIN' 'eck, what's this from t'Halifax? Yes, I know assumed regional accents are a cheap laugh, but the Halifax has so long prided itself on its down-to-earth image and local roots that I am surprised to learn of its new general manager, marketing. (We will tiptoe gently around the question of whether the Halifax needs something called a general manager, marketing.) Philip Hanson is managing director for Europe at Tricon restaurants, until October part of Pepsico, as in Pepsi Cola. Which means he used to run Pizza Huts and Kentucky Fried Chickens. Now he will bring his "experience of both the consumer and retail sectors" to the Halifax. One hopes both will survive the inevitable culture shock.

Korea-enhancing

A VOTE of confidence in the City as a world financial centre from a fastgrowing international bank and a country that is a huge source of inward investment into the UK, reports the Corporation of London. The bank's representative office here is being upgraded to a branch, and the official opening is tomorrow. Not the best of timing, perhaps for the Housing and Commercial Bank of Korea.

 HARD to believe he needs the money, but Ian Schrager, the man who survived Studio 54 and jail on tax evasion charges to become the hippest hotelier of the 1990s, is touting his two-month-old daughter Ava Louis as a child model. A glossy brochure reaches me. "Hair: dark brown (like mother's)," it says. Mother is for-mer ballet dancer Rita Norona oh, land of opportunity where you can be a ballet dancer and be called Rita! "Disposition: angelic. Special conditions: no nudity and no speaking or walking parts."

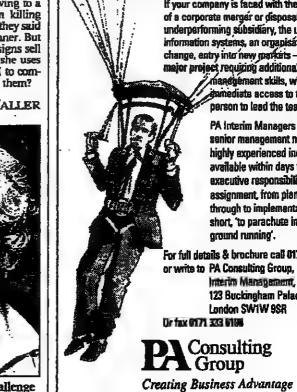
Westwood ho

WOMEN'S fashion is a closed book to me, but I do know that Vivienne Westwood: headed off challenge Westwood has achieved renown for from a pest killer and Guinness

many things, from punk rock to her choice of transparent clothes when meeting royalty. On Tuesday night her garb was relatively restrained — a formal frock set off with dinky gold bootees - as she collected the Export Times award for Outstanding Export Achievement. As her competitors ranged from Guinness Brewing to a company that specialises in killing pests in Egypt — that's what they said — she seemed a surprise winner. But I'm told that her fashion designs sell around the world and that she uses British fabrics, so who am I to comment on what she does with them?

MARTIN WALLER





The Guinness Affair

Cast waits on reviews of the DTI report

THIS morning the Department of Trade and Industry report into the Guinness affair will at last see the light, more than a decade after police were first called into investigate one of the most spectacular takeover battles the City had seen. Those who figure in it have already had the chance to read what the Government inspectors have to say, but today brings the first opportunity for others to read the account of what really took place as Guinness, led by Ernest Saunders, the chief executive, struggled to win the prize of the Distillers Company. The cast list is a long one. Here we introduce some of the people who are likely to feature in the report. Some of them are at the top of the City pyramid, others have changed direction. All will be waiting to learn the reaction of today's more closely regulated City to those events of ten years ago, and their part in them. Reports by Jason Nissé, Martin Waller and Anne Ashworth,

LORD BOTHSCHILD

LORD ROTHSCHILD, 61, was running J Rothschild Holdings in 1986, which bought £25 million of Guinness shares at a critical time in the Distillers bid. Today he is best known as chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund. This year has seen the death of two of his closest friends, Diana, Princess of Wales, and Sir James Goldsmith. In 1989, with Sir James, Lord Rothschild mounted an unsuccessful bid for BAT, the tobacco group. Just nine years earlier, he had broken sway from NM Rothschild, the family bank, after a bitter feud with his cousin Evelyn. The other principal events in Lord Rothschild's varied career include the establishment in 1991 of J Rothschild Assurance (JRA), the life office, run by Sir Mark Weinberg and Michael Wilson. This year, Prudential spent £40 million increasing its stake in St James' Place Capital (SJPC) the life assurance group that owns JRA. Lord Rothschild is now the group's president. Careful of the prestige of his family name, Lord Rothschild inserted a clause in the SJPC contract ensuring that "J Rothschild" could be removed from JRA's name, if it were necessary to protect the clan's reputation.

DAVID MAYHEW

IF PARNES, Saunders and others have claimed to have been broken by their involvement in the Saunders affair. David Mayhew has emerged unscathed. He remains a senior partner at Cazenove & Co., the stockbroker that advised Guinness during the Distillers takeover and stood loyally by its employee throughout, even to the extent of paying more trials

E2 million in legal fees. Cazenove is famed as the Queen's stockbroker, and Maynew remains at the heart of the City establishment. Cazenove even issued a statement confirming its support for him. An Old Etonian, Mayhew joined the stockbroker Panmure Gordon almost four decades ago and became a partner of Cazenove in 1969. In 1992 the third Guinness trial, in which he was charged on two counts under the 1985 Companies Act and one for fraud, collapsed when the Serious Fraud Office dropped all charges after the defence put forward fresh evidence. This was never revealed, but the SFO said it meant evidence in the case as a whole was not sufficient to provide a "realistic prospect" of a conviction, and Mayhew was formally acquitted.

OLIVIER ROLL

OLIVIER ROUX was the fi-

nance director of Guinness whose evidence in the trial helped to convict Ernest Saunders, his former boss, as well as Anthony Parnes, Gerald Ron-son and Jack Lyons. The Marseilles-born management consultant from Bain & Co was 35 when he was brought in by Saunders to help to deal with the rapid growth of Guinness. which had just taken over Bells in an aggressive deal when it made the bid for Distillers. Roux was central to the share support operation and detailed it in evidence in the Guinness trial. Though he denied being given immunity, Roux was never prosecuted for his role in the scandal. After leaving Gainness, he became a consultent for Telisman Manage-iment, the firm set up by Rick Grogan and David Hoare, two former Bain colleagues who



Parnes: "The animal"

also advised Guinness. Talisman has been involved in a series of high-profile deals, most recently at Laura Ashley, where Hoare has become chief executive. It also backed the management buyout of Cone Aliman, the packaging group, whose former finance director. Philip Yea, last year became finance director of Guinness.

ERNEST SAUNDERS

SEVERAL of the Guinness pro tagonists have bounced back spectacularly, in career terms. But none can match the extraordinary medical recovery achieved by Ernest Saunders. In 1990 he was jailed for five years for fraud. A year later the Court of Appeal heard from a respected neurologist that the master salesman was suffering from pre-senile dementia, and he was released a few weeks later, having served ten months. A grey faced, shambling figure,





Saunders was in court to hear

that his brain was abnormally

small for a man still only in his mid-50s. Today Saunders is in demand as a consultant to a number of businesses such as Carphone Warehouse. He has a house and office in southwest London and a country home in Sussex. He has even toyed with the 1990s fashion accessory for the successful executive, a football team, having made an unsuccessful consortium bid for Queen's Park Rangers. At the end of last year his case at the European Court of Human Rights succeeded. Saunders had claimed that Department of Trade and Industry inspectors breached his right to silence by forcing him to answer their inquiries on the Distillers takeover. His next action will be against the Government, for damages and a declaration of his innocence. Success would be the ultimate come-back for the man once

known as "Deadly Ernest".

ACCOUNTAINEY





Seelige mentally unfit

HEAD of corporate finance at Henry Ansbacher, Guinness's

merchant bank, at the time of

the Distillers bid, Lord Spens

was forced to give up the job by the Bank of England, which

has carte blanche over who

can serve in banking circles.

He has since devoted his

energies towards campaign-

ing on a variety of subjects in

the House of Lords and to-

wards clearing his name and

extracting due recompense from the Bank. He has spoken

of the "degree of malevolence"

shown by the prosecuting

authorities towards the vari-

ous Guinness defendants. In

1992 the second Guinness trial

was formally halted without a

verdict because of the illness of

Roger Seelig but charges against Spens his co-delen-

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place experiences, the cadre of

potential business leaders en-

joyed not just by UK business-

Roux: no prosecution-

Court battle for a formal acquittal nine months later. But he was not awarded the £365,000 in legal costs he incurred before being awarded legal aid and claimed he was left penniless - he was even forced to sell his stamp collection. His case for damages against the Bank



ROGER SEELIG was not supposed to be Guinness's adviser at Morgan Grenfell. But the high-flying merchant bank was so busy in 1986, that he was drafted in to lead the team. See lig was considered to be one of the City's leading corporate financiers and with George Magan had established Mor gan Greniell's reputation as the place to go if you wanted to make an aggressive bid. He advised the likes of Habitat, United Biscuits, Dixons, Virgin and



Ronson: "I was stupid"

Burton. When charged with 12 offences, his £500,000 ball was funded by Sir Terence Conran and Paul Hamlyn, of Octopus books. Seelig defended himself, breaking down and being declared mentally unfit to carry on. Since then, Seelig has continued a modest career as an adviser to companies. The Guinness scandal claimed the jobs of three senior executives at Morgan Grenfell, hitting the reput-ation of the bank which weakened by an expensive move into securities trading, was taken over by Deutsche Bank.

THE GUINNESS affair cost Anthony Parnes a two-year spell in Ford Open Prison, of

his ability to scream orders into two or more telephones simultaneously. This made him one of the City's richest stockbrokers but may not have served him well in Ford, where he was beaten up by an . inmate for hogging the telephone. Before his stay in Furd. he spent six months in juil in : Los Angeles fighting extradi-tion before agreeing to retter of his own volition. His role in the events of 1086 was to hungs Guinness shares on behalf of Gerald Ronson and Jack Lyev ons. He was expelled by the Stock Exchange, After the less of his £10 million fortune. Parnes sold his Hampstead home and his marriage broke and his ex-wife. Denise, is the sister of Gerald Ratner, logmer head of the eponymotis jewellery empire. He was linked with Ratner again to 1996, when the latter tried in the line was a second to the latter tried in the latter tried buy back part of his empire.

GERALD RONSON

was described by Sir John Quinton, then chairman of Barclays Bank, as the court try's finest businessman. A ? couple of years later he was it jail and shortly after that his Heron property empire col-lapsed under the weight of massive debts and speculative investment in Arizonian savings and loan organisations. Ronson built his business from a small chain of petrofstations to one of the month. influential property com-He enjoyed his wealth, driving around in a white Bentley, marrying Gail Cohen, the model, and naming his yacht. My Gail, after her. He kept: Heron private, but actively traded in the stock market. usually though his friend An thony Parnes. When Parnes asked him to join the share support operation, Ronson took heart from the fact that the creme of the City established ment - Morgan Grenfelt Cazenove and Freshfields were advising the company When he was jailed for a year and fined £5 million he meres said; "I was stupid." Released which he served I months, but from jail, he attempted to save it du months his City hits. his Heron empire and, when he could not, he led a man to he could not, he led a man to he could not again, which suggestive manner ceded in doing so last year.

How to serve tomorrow's world

Ed Smith on the fight to maintain

UK accountancy's global leadership

The UK accountancy profession is the envy of many developed and developing countries. It remains a highly attractive option as a route into global and national business for the brightest and best from our universities, and, as evidenced by current shortages in the major lirms, there is huge demand to recruit people from the Big Six firms and the profession as a whole. The reason is that UK accountants are extremely good at what they do and have, over many years, worked hard to respond to changing markets and shareholders' demands.

However, there is a stack

choice ahead. Unless the pro-fession, and in particular the big, global players, increase the pace of supporting clients' changing markets and de-mands for new services and enhanced skills, the value of our profession is in danger of slipping. The leadership and respect on the world stage that we have worked so hard to achieve could be lost for ever. Why might this happen? Quite simply, the new de-mands of the market for our services and for top people are changing. To meet these changes we need to invest, invest and invest. If we do not. our business will atrophy and lose relevance.

Every day we read about the inexorable globalisation of trade and the consolidation of

Andersen gets

AMID the merger mania

among top accountancy firms

the significance of this month

to Arthur Andersen has been

rather forgotten. To emphasise

its oft-repeated argument that

mergers are a disaster and only

organic growth produces suc-cess, the firm has decided to

commemorate the occasion by

planting trees. Under the aus-

pices of the Woodland Trust it

is planting 450 deciduous trees

in the grove

demands from investors and management for greater assurance on the data they use and on the underlying management of risk in organisations. It is to us that they

turn to meet these needs. Much of the growth over the next 20 years in this global assurance market will come in the developing economies of Asia as the demand for capital and consequential investor protection explodes in the new millennium. Who will create the professions in these new economies if it is not those who run strong professions today? Who built the professions as Eastern Europe opened up in the first half of the 1990s? We did, of course, ably supported

by local nationals. Shareholders and manage ment have already benefited from the assurance that they get on the stewardship of their investments. We had to be there almost before our clients - ready to meet their needs. If we had been constrained in our investment capability (and the cost was modest when set against the needs of markets of the future), investors and management's risks would have been higher, potentially chang-ing their cost of capital or riskadjusted investment appraisal. It should be inconceivable to shareholders, other investors and management that strong professions in assurance are not created in these new mar-

in Birdwell Wood near Barns-

ley. The trees, which represent

the number of current and

retired UK partners, will form

Arthur Andersen Grove. Jokes

about partners not being able

to see the wood for the trees

Nice little runner

THE latest report from the

are not welcome.



Ed Smith says investment is vital to meet new demands

kets — but that can only happen with our ability to finance expansion and create the critical mass of resource to respond at the required level of

skill and quality.

Closer to home is the rapid emergence of new business paradigms, such as electronic commerce. Do stakeholders and management understand the risks in this new trading environment and in the new investor information that is being created? Are these risks, if undersmod, being controlled?

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OVER the past week all 112,000 members of the UK's premier accountancy body, the English ICA, will have received a letter from the president entitled "Forging a New Partnership with Members". It is the council's response to the report that it commissioned last year from Peter Gerrard, the well-known lawyer.

Consider this: "Our vision of the form which the institute should take over the next 20 years is based on changes in structure and changes in style. First and foremost, we see an overriding need not simply to maintain the technical excellence of the institute but to ensure its relevance to members whether in practice or in industry. "We also see a need for a structure which clearly recognises that members have sectional interests derived from the work

which they do, as well as one that provides a framework for debate about both professional and technical issues:" That, by and large, is what the letter sent out to members says. But the section that I have just quoted does not come from:

was known as the Worsley report. It, too, examined the governance of the institute and made recommendations. But it was published in Nothing, it seems, has really changed. The press briefing on the new response was quite remarkable. It was

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chairman's foreword to what

extremely difficult to pin down anything that was different from what has always happened at the insti-tute. Chris Laine, the president, even opened by

saying that the response was "about style and culture as much as it is about physical structure", which is more or less exactly what Jock Worsley was saying some dozen or so years ago.

None of the obvious changes have been tackled. Gerrard reflected the view that having a council of some 93 members was less than effective. But no action to reduce the

In fact, the response simply accepts that the council is a shambles, but there is nothing, given the different interests involved, that can be done. "Once a body increases beyond a relatively small size, the number of its members becomes irrelevant," says the

If you take that to its logical conclusion, then there is no reason why all of the institute's 112,000 members should not be on the council. Meetings would have to be held in Hyde Park or the Albert Hall; and to be perfectly honest would be just as effective as the current meetings are, as well as much more fun.

The only other discernible changes are equally negligible. There is a proposal that the president should no longer chair council meetings on the grounds that in some cases it would be less than accountable to have the president chairing both the executive and the council. An "impartial" chairman — drawn from the council — is proposed. This impartial chairman would be expected to act of the council and the council impartial chairman would be expected to act of the council and the council of t much as the Speaker does in the House of

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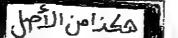
person should have considerable powers and extended the ability to set the agenda in the public eye was a spurned. "We do not believe that the secretary general should be responsible for external public relations and relations with the secretary of the secretar relations and relations with members as envisaged by Gerrard," says the response. "That is a job for the president. But the secretary general would have particular responsibility for maintaining contact with Govern ing contact with Govern-ment and other professional

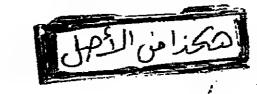
Although it is not obvious. The idea is that the new post would change to what was a described as "a more commercial focus", while the office holders did more of the work of liaison with

members. This seems unlikely. As the outside world gets busier, presidents already have much less time for even the priority jobs, let alone pressing the flesh in the what they see as the farther-flung counties of England and Wales. But members should not be downcast. And nor should they start to

stockpile the rotten fruit just in case their president comes riding by. As the similarity with the Worsley report shows, the grip on what needs to change is there. It is just that implementation is often extremely difficult. But the current triumy rate of office-holders has shown distinct signsof being able to grasp the odd nettle quite firmly. If anything, the fact that the response to Gerrard is bland gives them a great deal of room for manocuvre as they seek to tighten. up the organisation and implement effective

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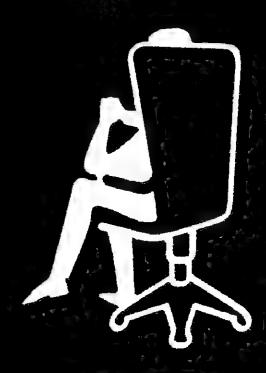
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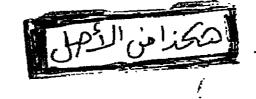
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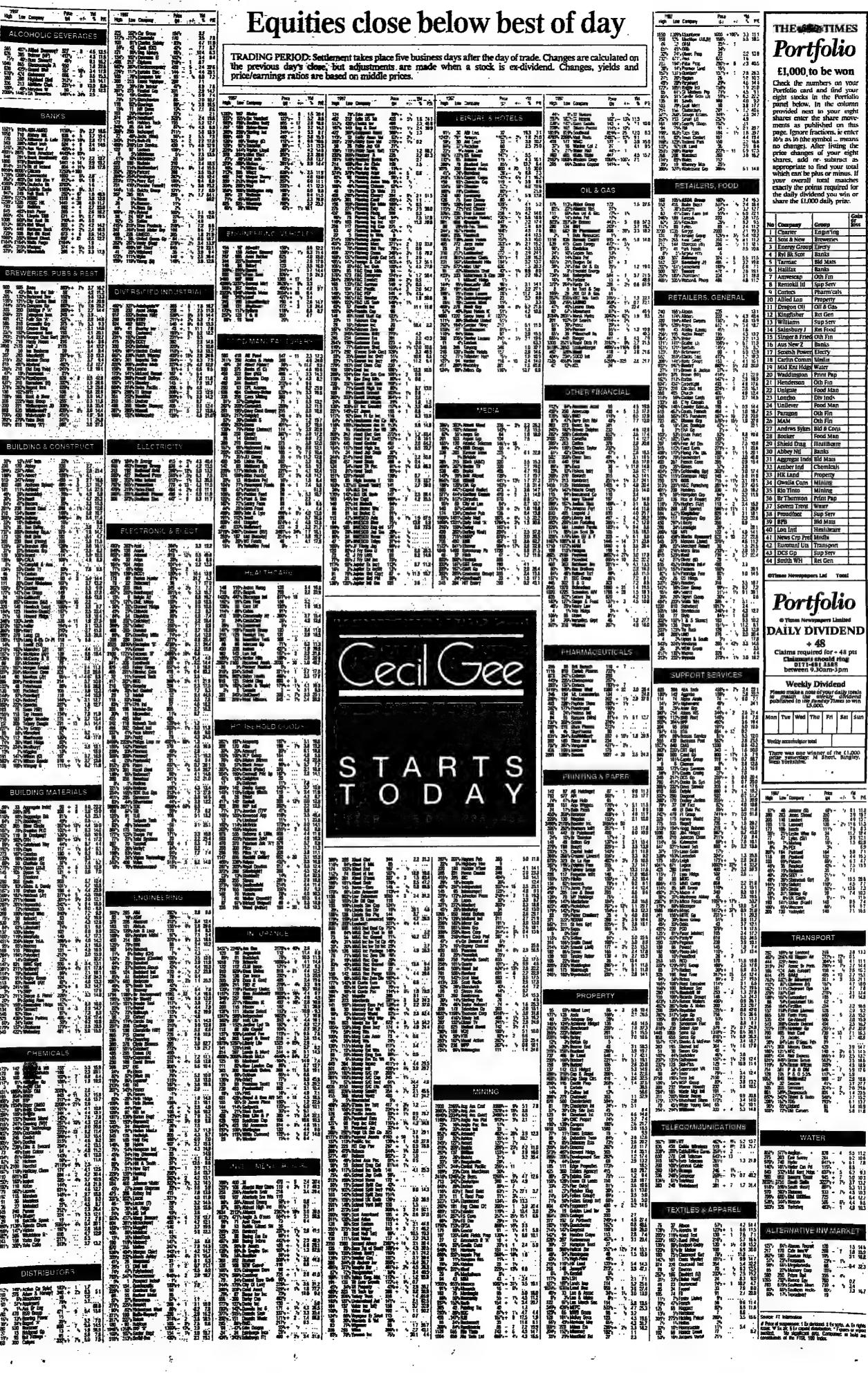
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London's pride has been hand-me-down

Geoff Brown on a 1997 London Film Festival that promised

much but delivered little for the struggling cinema professional

you. The London Film Festival is important because: I) it shows British films; 2) it shows previews of new big-budget Hollywood films; 3) it shows films from all over the world; 4) there are actors and filmmakers present; 5) it shows films that may never be seen again in this

The words come from a questionnaire available to audiences at the festival, organised by the British Film Institute, which ended on Sunday. How good a time you had at the event partly depended on your priorities. Previews of new big-budget Hollywood films? There were none on display; there rarely are. Instead there was a range of low-to-middle-budget offerings. some impressive (Affliction, The Ice Storm, Afterglow), a few quite awful (Incognito, which must have been booked sight unseen).

British films? They were here, although the selection generated none of the excitement you might expect in the year of the lottery boom. The cream had been seen at Edinburgh and Venice; the most striking entry. Carine Adler's edgy, grief-stricken Under the Skin. is now playing commercially (and reviewed on the facing page).

Films that may disappear from pickings, from India, Pakistan, Spain, Africa, Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan, as well as places closer to home. Happy audiences took the chance to see Prakash Jha's The Death Sentence, an intriguing hybrid (half commercial. half arty) that banged the drum for women's rights. Some fell under the spell of Bruno Dumont's dispassionate study of aimless rural life, La Vie de Jésus. Some cheered the Tarantino-esque gambols of Graham Guit's Shooting Stars (if it were a football game the result would be Style 5, Content 0). Others attempted Godard's For Ever Mozart (Pretension 5. Achievement 1).

ank the following options None of these films is guaranteed commercial showings in Britain: even if they were, they would be

gone in the blink of an eye.
Other festival offerings will emerge again. February sees the though I fear what Thomas Hardy's novel will do to audiences in the depths of winter. At first Phil Agland's film, written by David Rudkin, behaves like a Monty Python sketch, cluttered with rustics in the greenwood. But it soon thins out, and offers a performance from Emily Woof so strong and affecting that her mismatched marriage to a dashing doctor becomes a matter for our tears. Overall, Agland makes Hardy's Wessex seem as remote and strange as the places he visited for his TV documentaries on Africa and China.

Further ahead, there will be chances to revisit Gregg Araki's Nowhere, a crazy carnival of teenage angst and pop culture set in Los Angeles. Language and action are equally colourful, although as James Duval, Rachel True and the young cast race around acting alienated and libidinous, one yearns for Araki to cook something more substantial than hip fast food.

Some festival films gave you that deja vu experience. Henry Jaglom actually called his Deja Vu. Two married people meet in Europe by linked: one is Victoria Foyt (Jaglom's muse and co-writer), the other is Stephen Dillane. Awkwardness and unfruitful whimsy beset many scenes. But then, suddenly, Jaglom will produce a zinger: tart comedy with Anna Massey and Noel Harrison arguing in bed; a moving exchange between Vanessa Redgrave and her mother, Rachel Kempson; a scene between Foyt and Dillane that cuts through the situation's triteness to find naked truths. If Jagiom's unevenness is the price we must pay for his dedication to documenting real feelings, it is

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space to film restorations from the world's archives. The most spectacular was Michel Strogoff, with Ivan Mosjoukine, a spectacular showcase for the Russian emigres working in France during the 1920s. The most scary was Nosferatu, this year's presentation by Photoplay Productions and Channel 4, which surrounded Murnau's haunting images of a spindly Dracula, cutting his teeth on the best necks around, with a rousing score by the Hammer veteran James Bernard.

By and large, festival audiences probably had a better time than journalists and delegates. Some of catalogue previously supplied free - will be of little interest. But others involve issues fundamental to the festival's health. London's festival has always been cursed by having no large central meetingplace for press, industry and filmmakers. This year's solution, a few poky rooms at the Groucho Club.

ilm people attending a festival, much more than critics, need to feel cherished: this year the administration went overboard eating up money, courting glamorous publictalent and films that needed no promoting, casting the rest into darkness. American Express, the festival's main sponsors, must have been very pleased. But it is hard to see any struggling young director, or the demoralised and overworked staff at the British Film Institute. smiling alongside.

All in all, this year's edition can only further stimulate arguments over the festival's future, and strengthen the hand of Sheila Whitaker and others calling for a new event with a competitive element, organised outside the BFT's orbit. Fill in your questionnaires carefully.



Soon at a screen near you, Cal MacAninch and the superlative Emily Woof in the Thomas Hardy adaptation The Woodlanders

NEW ON VIDEO: Insects and violence; Woody Allen on song; having a laugh with the junkies

MICROCOSMOS Fox Guild, U, 1996

BIOLOGISTS turned filmmakers Claude Nurisdany and Marie Pérennou take their carneras right up close to the insect world, where dung beetles, dragonflies, snails. moths, caterpillars, bees and the bizarre argyronet spider do what comes naturally in a France. There is no narration, the anthropomorphic excesses of Disney's live-action documentaries are avoided, and you cannot beat the commercial ingredients (sex, violence). If the cast were human, the

EVERYONE SAYS LOVE YOU

Buena Vista, 12. 1996 THEY say it in song, too, in Woody Allen's mostly beguil-ing, toe-tapping comedy ro-

film might even be banned. A

In webs of intrigue

neuroses of upscale New Yorkers, set to the sounds of a Thirties Hollywood musical. But instead of Fred and Ginger, we get Drew Barry-more and Edward Norton, whose romance is imperilled by family quirks and the arrival of a paroled prisoner.
Allen's cast also includes Julia Roberts. Goldie Hawn and himself: not everyone can sing well, or manage fancy footwork, but they deserve A for effort. Available to rent.

PRIVATE PARTS

Entertainment, 18, 1996 HOWARD Stern, America's plays himself in this slim but engaging comedy chronicling his progress from awkward

insults across the social spectrum. On film, at least, his lust for work and play is endearing, and it's always bracing to watch the battle between a maverick and the Establishment. A rental release.

■ GRIDLOCK®D

habit. As director,

PolyGram, 18, 1996 AT FIRST sight, this seems your ordinary tale of urban hell, of splattered heads and souls snuffed out. Then the permy drops. It's a comedy, about two druggies struggling to fulfil a hasty new year's resolution to kick the heroin

in New York. Stern crashes through the taste barrier he talks endlessly about sexual exploits, and offers cheerful variety between Tim Roth and the late Tupac Shakur as they wait and curse in dingy offices, or inflict stab wounds in order to land in hospital. Against the odds, this movie is sharp, funny and likeable.

SCREAM

Available to rent...

Buena Vista, 18, 1996 HORROR maestro Wes Craven directs this terrifically bouncy and self-mocking tale about the youth of a suburban town terrorised by a serial killer obsessed with movie trivia. Aside from the in-jokes. Craven ensures we scream

Hallowe'en mask who taunts down the phone, haunts the patio, and penetrates every door and window. Neve Campbell heads the list of potential victims in the best horror movie in ages. Available to rent.

I LYDIA Carlton, U, 1941

DETERMINED to make a showcase for his wife Merie Oberon, producer Alexander Korda surrounded her with fancy words, a fancy wardrobe, sumptious sets and a line-up of adoring men recalling their wooing days in the late 1890s. But this partial reworking of the French hit Un carnet de bal never moves beyond its visual delights. Joseph Cotten heads the male. corps, and Edna May Oliver steals every available scene.

GEOFF BROWN





NEW MOVIES: Geoff Brown sees Alien Resurrection's musings on parental roles degenerate into the usual gore-fest

Mother, what sharp teeth you have

t the end of Aliens.
Signumey Weaver's
Ripley torched herself to death after being impregnated with alien seed. She was being the tragic heroine, saving the world through losing her own life, Now we know it was wasted effort. For, 200 years further hip the future, Ripley is back, inventively cloned from a blood sample. The aliens are back too, dripping goo, extendhuman heads.

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Is Alien Resurrection, then, simply a case of business as usual? Not quite. Ripley herself is not as she was. Her wiry strength, always impressive, is now super-human. A knife theast into her hand causes no scar, no pain. When a drop of sizzles like an egg frying in the pan. The alien gene is within

The director, too, is an alien of sorts. He is Jean-Pierre responsible for Delicatessen and, less successfully, The City of Lost Children. He is French. He is bizarre. He has \$70 million to play with. He sprinkles the action with eccentric humour and flecks the spaceship interiors with in-dustrial-cum-Gothic designs. He brings on board Dominique Pinon, rubber-faced clown of his previous films.

Joss Whedon's jaunty script nands the spaceship Auriga, a military research base, looks at me funny one time. e maps, "and I'm putting her Mark 2 include the crew of The Betty. which docks with a cargo of frezen human beings destined Ron Perlman, his face scarred, Pinon, a paraplegic. And one dimmed, as the crew's mechanic with a hidden agenda.

As the minutes advance, though, the inevitable happens. The genre machine takes over from Jennet Personal touches get lost in the action as fester, cocoons pulsate and humans flee. They have plenty Tirepower with which to blast opponents. But Weaver is their main weapon: she is the star, the co-producer and the series linchpin, and should not be approached in a

dark alley. One has to admire her as she sees off all foes with such curt authority. But liked? Tak-en to heart? No. Much of the film's material plays with the notion of motherhood and the gulf between human and alien urges, but the film itself stifles anything approaching a tender feeling. Scenes between Weaver and Ryder particularly suffer. We should feel a connection between the two: we do not. We should also feel sense of wonder as the human species goes to the brink instead we experience the usual gore in a brilliant but cold-hearted spectacle. It is frustrating, for somewhere within the big-budget compro-

Resurrection Odeon West End 18, 108 mins Sigourney Weaver lives again The Tango Lesson Renoir, U. 101 mins Foot-tapping metaphors with Sally Potter Under the Skin Merro, 18, 85 mins Grief explored in a powerful British movie One Night Stand Warner West End 18, 102 mins Absorbing tale of infidelity from Mike Figgis

Keep the

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Curzon Mayfair 12, 101 mins Orwell bites the dust

8 Heads in a

Duffel Bag

Warner West End - 15, 95 mins

Frantic black comedy

mises of Alien Resurrection far better, quirkier, movie is struggling to break free.

Even Weaver's bravery wilts beside Sally Potter's in The Tango Lesson. Consider: having broken through to director refuses to play the mainstream game, crafting something small, idiosyncratic and extremely personal, shot mostly in black-and-white. She puts herself up on the screen, too, as a film director called Sally, who starts taking lessons in Paris from tango huminary Pablo Veron to ease pressures endured making a project called Rage. The two fall in love and make a pact: she will become his dancing partner, and he will star in her

Thus reduced, Potter's film might sound innuratingly selfindulgent. But it does not play that way. By exposing her vulnerabilities on screen, Porter allows us to feel our way

new film, which now is not

Rage but, you guessed it, The



The Tango Lesson: Sally Potter and Pablo Veron



So you thought Sigourney Weaver cashed in her chips at the end of Allen?? Well, thanks to advanced medical technology you, Winona Ryder — and the baddies — can think again

inside her fanciful autobiography. As a dancer, she proves more than competent: indeed. she worked as a performance artist before being seduced by cinema. There is no professional polish to her acting, though: ber awkwardness is natural and touching. Veron, himself on the line.

As teacher and pupil work: swirling and gliding, pushing-and pulling, multiple overtones build up. For Potter, the exploring the dynamics of power, and of all love relationand creative endeavours. Who should follow and who should lead? Both Veron and Potter, in their separate fields of tango and cinema, are used to having the upper hand: crossing over to each other's arena, they must make difficult adjustments.

The metaphor, though, is never belaboured: we soak up the meanings with each rav-ishing, impassioned dance, variously performed in the-atres, studios, a Paris kitchen. and a rainy street. You emerge from the cinema moved and exhilarated, with an un-English urge to dance away the night, a rose between the teeth.
Under the Skin is also

something special: a new Brit-ish film that confidently embraces raw, painful feelings, and gives ordinary lives the kind of visual texture usually found in European art movies. The director who worked

this miracle is Carine Adler, whose first feature this is. Her subject is grief, and the part a mother's sudden death plays in the downward spiral of Iris, the less loved of two daughters. Samantha Morton, all of 20, throws herself wholeheartedly into the complex part; as she flirts with promiscuity, we watch with a mix of compas-"sion." incomprehension and

dingy bedsits and Liverpool streets, Barry Ackroyd, also Ken Losch's cameraman, never settles for lazy realism, but creates a heightened mood that suggests Kieslowski's modern moralities such as The Ten Commandments. Slow motion is used expressively, as is rock music, principally by the Alcof. Not every feature funded by the British Film Institute and Channel 4 tackles genuine problems with emotional maturity and artistic flair, but this one does, and

it has a string of festival rewards to prove it. Wesley Snipes won his own festival award, at Venice, for his role in One Night Stand, although every part in Mike Figgis's film is pitched and played close to perfection. Snipes plays a commercials director from LA who gets his one night stand in New York with the equally married Nastassja Kinski. We jump one year forward, when

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

Leafle Isalah Thomas, 19: The

intelligence of the script and direction make this a highly

Dom Young, 19: A dark and brooding return to form. Jethro Ankin, 18: I was petrified. Easily one of the best

Sharada Osman, 19: Sigourney Weaver is magnificent. She eats up the screen. ■ ONE NIGHT STAND Leslie: A simple romantic comedy is dressed up as art, and fails on both counts. Dom: A real dud.

Jethro: The abundance of coincidences make a mockery

Sharada: Julian Sands appears for five minutes; how the

THE TANGO LESSON

Dom: All right, a bit arty. Jethro: An over-long home

Leslie Occasional striking

Sharada: Pablo Veron can teach me the tango any day.

ALIBN RESURRECTION

disturbing movie.

Alien movies.

of the storyline.

great have fallen.

Snipes's marriage and work hit trouble. The action then swings back to New York, where Snipes's best friend, dying of Aids (Robert Downey Jr), helps the parties to explore

their true feelings.
There are artificial elements in the script, which was first concocted by the brash Joe Esterhasz. But Figgis, as director, writer and composer, treats the subject with such refinement that the characters come close to seeming genuine

human beings. He is particularly good at tracing relationships through looks and gestures, transforming what could easily have been leering, siam-bang cinema. As a successor to Leaving Las Vegas the film lacks weight, but it is stylish, thoughtful and witty, and should ring bells with

many audiences.

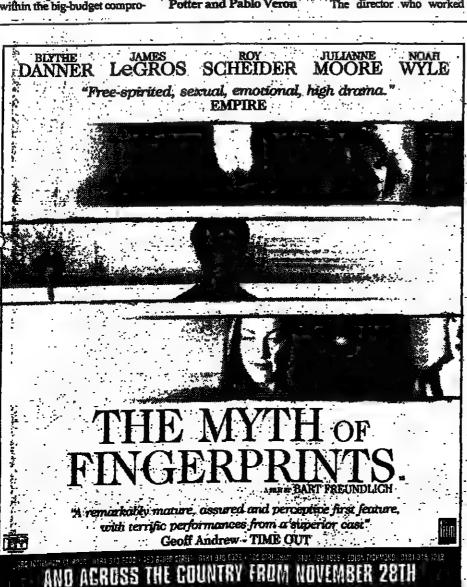
Keep the Aspidistra Flying, on the other hand, would be hard pressed to summon the faintest tinkle. The period

girifriend. The result, bar the movie machine keeps the images coming smoothly, but odd moment of muted humthere is something so small our, is the most pointless and archaic about Robert Bierman's treatment of George Orwell's novel that the images disappears almost as you watch.

Richard E. Grant plays Orwell's alter ego, an advertising copywriter and aspiring poet in the 1930s, struggling to But with Joe Pesci squawking embrace poverty and his art. -and Tom-Schulman directing. Helena Bonham Carter, alit is nowhere near as funny as most inevitably, is his patient it should be.

British film of the year. And was 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag really necessary? The title is fun and the plot shows promise (severed heads en route to a mobster get mixed up with a medical student's holiday luggage).

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ALL IN THE WRONG Paul Shelley recreates the role of Sir John Recitess in Arthur Murphy's excellent 18th-carnary onto One of this theatre's happlest rediscoveries returns again for the

Orange Tree, Clarence Street, nd (0181-940 3633) Previews from tonight, 7 45pm Opens Mon. 7 45pm Then Mon-Sar, 7.45pm; m Thur Lien 8, 15), 2,30pm and Sal. 4pm. onal mars Dec 19, 31, Jan 2, 400 CYRANO DE BERGERAC The selfout RSC production from Stratfor Antony Sher as Rostand's tragic romantic hero, in London for a limited season Gregory Doren directs Lyrfe, Shattesbury Ave. W1 (0171-494 5054) Opens tonight, 7 30pm. Then Mon-Sal. 7 30pm: mais Wed, Sal. 2pm. OH LES BEAUX JOURS Notice rry plays Beckett's Winne, eventual bedded up to her neck in the earth.

Peter Brook's Pans production, over here for the French Theatre Season. Performed in French
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6
(0181-741 2255) Tonight-Sat, and Dec

RAMBUAKERS ALMANAC: REUTS only for this recital where the acclaims soprano Juliane Barrist learns up with one of the foremost Lieder Interpreters our time, bantone Olal Bås. Ensamble lounder and plants! Graham Johnson accompanies the vocalists in an evening of songs by Schubert and Schumann which promises to be the nightight of the Almanac's 21st

Wigmore Hall. Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 7 30pm. & ELSEWHERE

BASINGSTOKE Tonghi's concert by the London Mozart Players offers an opportunity to have Beethoven's Conclan Overture and Symphony No 8

☐ ANGELS AND DEMONS: The goverlent Bears Telers perform the tale of Adam and his first wife Latin. Integring but the emphasis is more on the angels than the demontals: Tricycle Theetre, Kilbum High Road NMs (0771-328 1000) Sun-Thurs and Sal. Spm; mats Wed. 2pm and Sun. 4pm Lind Nov 30

THE BOYS IN THE BAND ME Crowley's ground-breaking gay play imm 1968 now something of a period piece with its 'gay means with but wretched message Transfer from the king's Head. Islington Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 5003) Mon-Set, 8pm; mats Thur-

If the charts Richard Brent and Geratone McEwan play the excient couple warting for their important guests in lonesco's celebrated "tragic Complicite, design by the Quey

Royal Court Downstairs (Duke of York's), 5t Mertin's Lane, WC2 (0171-865 5000), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, met Sat (from Nov 29), 3 30pm El CHICAGO: Revised version of the contrated Karder & Ebb musical directed by Walter Bobbie. A multi-Tony omediad by Water School, Artifus-Low winner on Broadway last year. Blanning Purhe Henshall, Uta Lemper, Henry Goodman and Nigal Planer. Adelphit, Strand, London WC2 (0171-344 0055) Mon-Sat, Sprv, marz Wed and Sat. 2.30pm.

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertalment compiled by Marit Hargle

HUDDERGRELD: As part of the contemporary music leastwal here the violinital discernal Second and plantst Julian Jacobsen join forces this coupled with two works by the affamoon for a calebrity ractial which includes the British premiere of Lou Harnson's Grand Duo. This is precede composer's contemporary, Johann Nepomul, Hummell the Geselschafts Rondo and the rarely heard Plano Concerno in A flat. Howard Shelley by John Adams's Road Movie and onathan Harvey's Flight Elegy directs from the prans.

Armil, Churchil Lane (01256 844244). St Paul's Hall, Queensgate (01484-430528). Today, 1pm.

CLASSOW: The BING Scottleb BELFAST: Music by the late experimental composer John Cage accompanies Merce Cunningham's recent choreographed opus, Ocean Symplemy Orchentra under ils now other conductor Osmo Vänská gives the first Scottish performance of Jame MacMillan's Symphony which was well recessed as its priminant in London earlier Performed in the round by 15 dancers accompanied by 112 musicians, the in the year. Also on the programme are Edward McGure's The Spirit of Wallace and Britten's Piano Concesto. Piano soloist is Kathyn Stott. City Hull, Candlanggs (0141-287 5511). Tonight, 7.30pm.



Juliane Banse sings at the Wigmore Hall

THEATRE GUIDE

powerful and poignant heroine in Dawid Leveaux's production from Chichester.

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Edward Fox and Clare Higgins play Harold Macmillan and Lady Dorothy in

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Sergei Prokofiev, who died in 1953 when Lazarev was eight his opera The Gambler formed Lazarev's Bolshoi debut

Russian pride and Russian prejudice

der Lazarev calls Prokofiev "a diamond of 20th-century music. While few would disagree, Lazarev speaks with special authority when it comes to a principal con-ductor of the composer he will be conducting in two concerts this weekend, as part of the London Scottish Nat-

Philharmonic Orchestra's enticing Prokofiev Festival. Prokofiev has been central to his life, even though Lazarev has no personal memories of him: the future conductor was only eight when the great brings composer died in 1953. But it was with Prokofiev's notoriously difficult first opera, The Gambler, that Lazarev made his Bolshoi debut in 1974, an event that launched his big orchestra - it time sames, the west on to become music director of the pride in representing Bolshoi, making him perhaps the Soviet Union's most pow-Scotland. erful conductor, but he still considers that early production one of his biggest

achievements. "The Gambler was being performed not only for the first time at the Bolshoi, but for the first time in Russia, and it was the reason I took the job. I didn't want to conduct one of their old stagings, and this turned out to be the most interesting production of that period there."

These associations do not prevent Lazarev from taking a wide view of the composer. It heios that he conducts much more non-Russian music than many of his Russian colleagues. In his first season as

John Allison on why the conductor

Alexander Lazarev is looking

forward to working this weekend



Alexander Lazarev calls Prokofiev "a diamond"

difference. having spent most of my life in the national opera theatre that represented Russia. The SNO players are very dedicated, but also friendly. I enjoy a good relationship with them, while often the love between conductor and orchestra is a bit like sunshine in London."

Lazarev divides music into two categories: "That which I ike to conduct, and that which I like to listen to. Music I like to listen to I invite someone else to conduct." Prokofiev is very firmly in his first category, at the top of the list. But he does not make any distinction between the two apparently

different sides of the composer's output, those pieces written by the enfant terrible of the 1920s and the later works, which must count as some of the most genuinely popular music of our

me, Prokofiev provides a connection with music of the

He was one of Rimsky-Korsakov's wonderful pupils who carried those ideas forward. The early music is brutal and often hard to balance because Prokoflev was still inexperienced then. As he became more focused his art became simpler."

The conductor admits that as he has matured and gained a non-Soviet perspective on the composer, he has understood him better. He offers a fresh view of a figure many com-mentators have labelled as naive for his apparent lack of political foresight. For me it was difficult to see why, after

having left Russia in 1918, Prokofiev returned for good at such a dangerous time as 1936. He was not an idealist, and he knew he was risking his life.

"But in my opinion he wanted to be first in some thing. He had left Russia a little too late and was overshadowed in the West as a pianist by Rachmaninov. He composed the Scythian Suite, but Stravinsky had already covered that ground in The Rite of Spring: By going back he wanted to set a new standard in Russia, but Shostakevich had aiready composed works like his Pourth Symphony. He was dogged by bad luck - even his death was eclipsed by Stellin's demise on the very same day.

- Timbris a day Lazarev, now. in his early fifties, remembers of the about a small rensemble, vividly. He remembers well too how the Soviet top brass patronised the Bolshoi, and speaks of their income in the same subcome hushed tones as he does of the current situation, about which he is darkly pessimistic. Although he remains Moscowbased, he duit the increasingly underfunded Bolshoi in 1995 rather than preside over its decline.

The Government has the money, but not the political experience or interest. They don't appreciate what music sport and all the arts can do for the image of the country." · Lazarev conducts the LPO in all-Prokofiev programmes at the Festival Hall (0171-546 1666) tomorrow and on Sunday

Making, . plans for no Nigel

THIS was the first time I had heard Kennedy play live since the Disowning of the Christian Name. So what did it all signify? I sought in vain for musical clues, cryptic and otherwise. But in both Bach (Johann Sebastian) and Beethoven (Ludwig), both Nigel and Kennedy were reassur-ingly and vibrantly present And even Nige came along.

The evening kicked off with a hefty swipe at the air from those great green leather shoes, and a stinging upbear into Bach's Violin Concerth in A minor. Every new run of semiouavers, every new sequence and figure had Kenne-

CONCERT

dy running circles - virtually literally - around the sections of a bernused but eager English Chamber Orchestra. Kennedy conducted from the bow. Nige leapt out as if to land on the leader's own toes in a leprechaun-like finale. And Nigel Kennedy himself, at last lost in a world of sound far removed from self and from image-of-self, sang his heart out in the slow movement. A big thumbs-up to the wings, and he welcomed on

young violinist of distinctive imagination and character. She led the way in Bach's Concerto in D minor for Two Violins, and within the first seconds sparks were flying. Hers is a more careful, more poised performing style than Kennedy's. But both are airy, passionate spirits, and the daring and darting of their imitative playing, and the little surprises they set up for each other in the finale, made this

stage Katharine Gowers, a

performance compelling. The ECO, which could do little more than try to keep up, seemed somewhat relieved when its new associate conductor, Shuntaro Sato, walked on to conduct Beethoven's Violin Concerto. But before long he all but became the invisible Man as Kennedy codirected forcefully from the bow. When he turned his back to the pedium and to us, facing vate chamber-music making of the highest order. Again the slow movement

focused. Kennedy and stilled his spirit. He seemed at time a little too entranced by his own playing; but this concentration led to a wonderfully mellow voice for the opening of the Rondo finale. Kennedy, now in Mephistophelean guise, took the pulsing pizzicato cello pedal as the cue for a long, extended cadenza, teasing the line with microtones. letting it lie low, only to whip it into diabolic trills and triple stopping - until a last, sweet duet and a final triumphant kick of the green leather heels.

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incongruous figure:

hakespeare's editors usually place the first scene of Twelfth Night in "Duke Orsino's palace" and the second at "the seacoast". But that hardly seems sufficient to encapsulate what Adrian Noble and his designer, Anthony Ward, pro-ceed to lob at us in the RSC's latest revival of the play.
First, Scott Handy's lan-

guishing Orsino and his vel-vet-suited court loll dreamily beneath a yellowing moon listening to soupy tunes on an antique phonograph. Then on rushes what looks like the cast of Casualty. They push round a hospital bed containing Hel-en Schlesinger's half-drowned Viola and don't forget to direct dirty looks at the sea-captain, who stands smoking a smelly

You prepare for a jokey Twelfth Night with the odd, evocative note echoing be-neath the fun, and that, on the whole, is what you get. Some excellent actors, from Stephen Boxer as a sharp, subversive Feste, to John Quayle as a cheerfully dim Aguecheek in a Garrick Club bow tie, give some lovely performances. A lew of them try to inject depth into the proceedings. But if you are looking for a truly rich, resonant production of the play, I would recommend waiting until this one has matured and mellowed a bit.

posity floored might, I think, have more impact in another Noble's Illyria is a touchyproduction. feely place, with surprising Far be it from me to comintensities simmering beneath plain of the spirited invention the comic surface. Schlesing-er's gangling, frizzy-haired Vi-ola delivers the lines about fridge packed with boose for Belch, a locker-room scene Olivia's beauty and building a cabin at her gate with a with naked male bodies for Viola to wince from, and a seriousness the sweeter for being so artlessly honest.
There are turbulent yearnings hilariously bawdy rendering of double entendres I had never previously perceived in the rondel "Hold thy peace". beneath Clare Holman's Olivia and her funeral weeds. But they do create a mood that's unfriendly to the avoir-David Calder's Beich struts about in an awful green suit dupois Voss brings to Malsporting a Biggles-era moustache, yet suggests some of the voite. It's as if a heavyweight vulnerability and melancholy of the ageing, fading wastrel. tom-made for lightweights. evening comes from Philip



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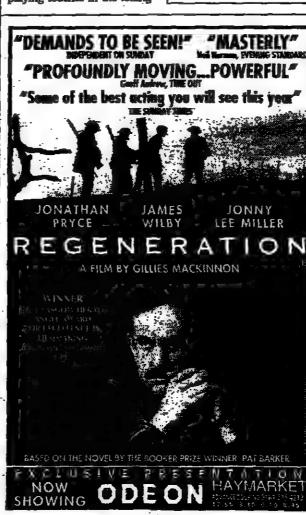
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DONALD COOPE

By turning Nick Park's bril-liant animations into human beings, Andrew Dawson, the creator of the stage show, loses half the magic at a single stroke. What is left are dogeared bits of the Oscar-winning children's stories that star the slippered inventor, Wallace, and his long-suffering canine companion,

Paul Filipiak captures Wallace's vocal ties and absentmindedness quite brilliantly. and Gromit's eyebrows squirm resentfully whenever Wallace looks at Joyce Henderson's Wendolene. But however good the actors are at impersonating Plasticine, they can never reproduce the marvellous ironic artistry of the animations.

Dawson's major improvisation is Wallace's latest invention: a pan-theatrical caravan beautifully designed by Tom Piper that opens up to reveal a fully automated travelling the atre. The clever bit is that with the help of a spinning costume chair and a remote control, the actors (Wallace, Gromit, Shaun the sheep and Wal-

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can take on ready-made bits of opera, drama, horror or ballet. The joy of this invention, of course, is that it loses control At one point Russ Edwards's Gromit finds himself in a Hammer House horror wearing a tutu and belting our

The villain of the piece Feathers Macgraw, a fiendish Penguin who wants to murder Wallace and Gromit, Unfortunately you have to know something of the original films to understand why. Why also does Angela Clerkin's Penguir go about with a four-lingered rubber glove on her head, and what is the significance of an enormous pair of robotic from sers with a mind of their own?

Too much time is spen looking for the inconsequen-tial Beast of Wensleydale Moor. Too little when Feath ers gets hold of the remot control and turns it into the Texas Chainsaw Massacre "We're being skewered like lamb kebabs," shrieks Wendo lene as the spinning blades of steel saws descend from the lighting rig. No such luck This rare moment apart, the show flows with all the urgen cy of animated treacle.

CHRISTOPHER

James's peach

ANY doctor should know something is wrong when he can't hear his own heart even with a stethoscope. Near the climax of the Gate's careful but emotionally charged production of The Heiress, Dr Sloper (Des Cave) performs just such a self-examination, and though he may have scuttled his only daughter's chance of happiness, he hears nothing but signs of a conges-

tion that will not lift. The Henry James revival, which has so far been largely cinematic, hits Dublin with a careful but profoundly moving production of Ruth and Augustus Goetz's rather stiffnecked 1940s stage version of the novelist's Washington Square, in which love and money mix with quiet but destructive consequences.

James's tale of the doomed relationship between Cather ine (Donna Dent), a woman whose most fetching quality is deemed to be her dowry, and Morris (Stephen Hogan), a personable wastrel with no scruples about how he will attain the good life, is formi-dably subtle. Despite the fairytale flavour of the story the untrustworthy suitor is the Big Bad Wolf in town wear — its moral remains jauntily uncertain.

Michael Rudman's production, featuring a set crammed with cornices and pilasters, is almost aggressively naturalis-tic. But when the emotions on

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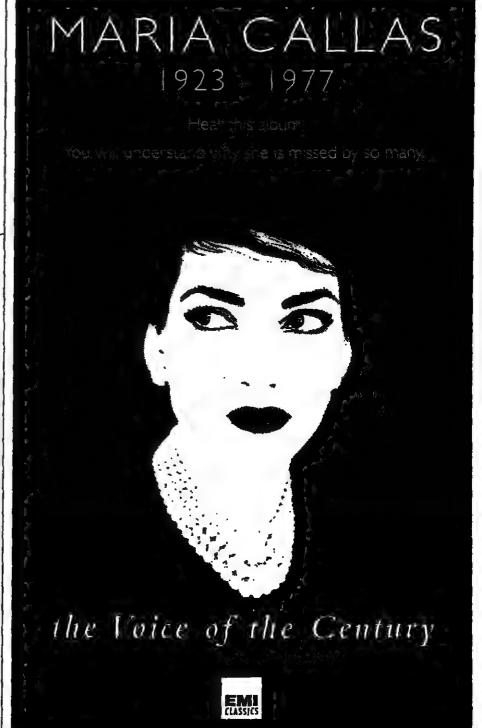
painfully somnambulistic, there is no call for a set of

jagged abstraction. Cave's pugnacious Dr Sloper is almost charming but overpoweringly self-righteous and Hogan's Morris keeps handsomely dumb as to whether he is aware what a monster he is. Susan Fitzger ald's Lavinian has a touch of pantomime dame in her squeaky prying.

Almost everything, how ever, depends on Catherine. who is many things at once She is never really as gullible as she acts, and always a little cleverer than she is able to reveal. As such, Catherine i the key to rendering the nove on stage. In this crucial role, Rudman draws an impres sive, restrained and subtit

performance from Dent. As Catherine is always looking around for words that will not come. Dent is forced to work as much through sharp. spare body language, as through anything she says. The vocabulary Dent conjures for this task is magnificently effective. So effective, indeed, that she remains as expressive with her back turned to the

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Philanthropy and forced labour: Linda Colley on the cruelties and contradictions of the trade that enslaved 11 million souls

Commerce in chains

ritons", James Thomson famously asserted in 1740, "never will be laves." This narcissistic celebration of liberty at home coincided with Britain overtaking Portugal as the world's prime dealer in other countries' slaves. The Portuguese had pioneered the Atlantic slave trade, and would persist in it until 1863. British involvement was much briefer, but more than made up for this in numbers. Some 2.6 million men, women and children would be herded into stinking ships, violent death or lifelong bondage — because of us.

Hugh Thomas's massive and magisterial survey of this trade is a remarkable synthesis of recent scholarship with many virtues. One of these is his refusal "to speak of outrage on every page." Some may condemn him for this. Yet, as with the Holocaust, bringing too much emotion to the chronicle of slavery can be chronicle of slavery can be obfuscatory and is anyway superfluous. The bare facts are outrageous enough.

As Thomas demonstrates, they are also complicated. Buying and selling slaves was never at any time a European monopoly. And slavery as an institution long preceded both the rise of capitalism and the heyday of empire. At its peak, Ancient Rome absorbed some haif a million slaves a year. The peoples of "Dark Age" and early medieval Europe, too, regularly preyed on each other for slaves, seizing them in raids and routinely enslaving prisoners of war.

Yet by 1200, many of the more northerly parts of Europe had come to view

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Christianity. Even in the late 16th century, both Amsterdam and Bordeaux would refuse to sell slaves on moral grounds. And in 1618 an Englishman called Richard Jobson could rebuke an Arab slaver with the proud (if by then inaccurate) boast that "we were a people who did not trade in any such

Three developments (and perhaps, as we shall see, a fourth) made trading in slaves once again broadly acceptable throughout this Continent. First, the colonisation of the New World: second, growing European appetite for a range of extra-European and labour-intensive crops, sugar, coffee, cotton; and third the rise of nation states whose governments, always hungry for revenue, were eager for a stake in human gold.

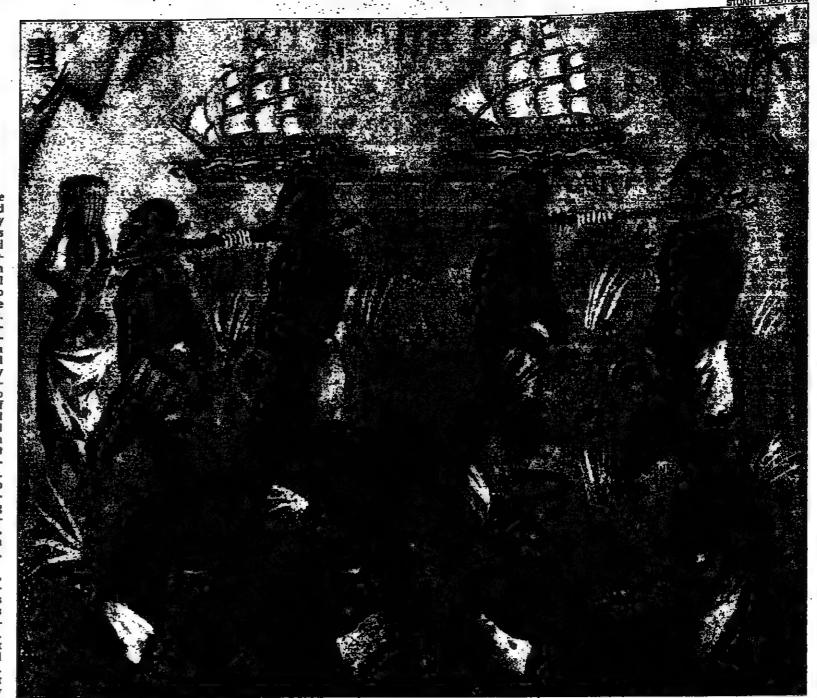
s the first Europeans to forge empires in the Americas. Spain and Portugal were likewise the first to ship slaves there. They, were reluctant, often forbidden to drive the indigeneous indians into their mines and plantations, and anyway too many of these were dying from contact with unfamiliar diseases. Importing African slaves seemed the cheapest solution: and by the i620s some 200.000 were arriving every year. By then.

though, other nations were competing. London acquired its own Royal Africa Company in 1672, with the future James II serving as its President and leading shareholder. This royal connexion with the British slave trade would persist until its abolition in 1807, a step vigorously opposed by George III and all but one of his sons.

Why did so many Europeans (though never just Europeans) concur for so long in such a cruel trade? Why indeed were so many apparently oblivious to its cruelties? Liverpool, a port which rose to prominence on the backs of slaves, cheerfully ornamented its Exchange with the carved heads of Africans. Here, as in New England, it was not unknown for Quakers to involve themselves in the trade. And many evidently saw no inconsistency between philanthrophy at home and selling human flesh abroad. Benjamin Franklin, for instance, remembered the Glaswegian slave trader, Richard Oswald, as "a truly good man".

In many cases, one suspects, the slave trade was rationalised in much the same terms as participation in the arms trade is rationalised now. Naturally, the innocent suffered. And this was regrettable. But the trade was a necessary evil which would go on regardless. So why not profit from it? But understanding why so many whites enslaved so many blacks must surely also involve a discussion of racism. And Thomas's neglect of this point is a major lacuna in a valuable work.

He is right to point out that not all slaves were black and that many slavers were not whire Even as late as 1807.



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there were more slaves in Africa, serving African societies, than there were in the Americas; the Arabs' slave trade persisted long after most Europeans had pulled out. And he is right to remind us of the achievements of the aboli-

was not the only one to find

her "unreadable" and Robert

Browning not the only one to

describe her writing as "coarse

and vulgar". However, fortu-

nately, human beings, as Mrs

Browning put it, are often

"better than their books". This

seems to have been the case

with Fanny Trollope, who

comes across as not only an industrious and energetic

woman but as an immensely

It is all the more of a pity

that Pamela Neville-Sington

has given us a book that has

insufficiently digested and reconstructed academic thesis,

even if it is not. Over and over

again (once six times on one

page) novels are quoted and

fictitious characters jostle with

and distract from the real

people we are trying to imagine. The italicised titles of

books, the numbers for source

notes, the asterisks and daggers for footnotes and the

footnotes themselves, litter the

pages. The research is thor-

ough, but the compelling story

is not given a proper chance.

the signs of being an

attractive character.

others in the late 18th and 19th

Nonetheless, and as he concedes, the evidence suggests that white Europeans and Americans were often peculiarly cruel to slaves. And this was partly because of their skin colour. Because of this, there was moral blindness and, at worst, sadism and sexual abuse. One manual for plantation owners advised potential purchasers to pay particular attention to a slave's

ticular attention to a slave's penis before buying him. And the trade went on long pulled out from it. By the time Brazil stopped importing slaves, in 1851, there were six million slaves in that country: twice as many as in the 1790s. And although the United States had forbidden its citizens to trade in slaves into ships supplying Cuba's plantations with blacks in the 1860s were American-owned, as, of course, were the cotton plantations of the deep South. By the end, well over 11,000,000 souls had been taken by force over what medieval Arabs called the "Green Sea of Darkness".

Mother knows best

anny Trollope, writer mother of the more famous Anthony, was indeed, as the subtitle of this new biography has it, a "clever woman". But she was young at a time when (if Jane Austen is to be believed) a woman who "has the misfortune of knowing anything, should conceal it as well as she can."

There is a great deal of speculation and a lack of hard evidence as Pamela Neville-Sington's pages (overflowing with phrases such as "seems to have been", "no doubt" and "may well have") at last reach 1809, the year of Frances Milton's marriage to Thomas Anthony Trollope, an unsuccessful barrister with an increasingly irritable temperament. It is not clever to marry the wrong person, but Fanny Trollope's hugely successful career as a writer was a direct result of that union.

result of that union.

Eighteen years later, her life made miserable by debt and her husband's gloom, Mrs Trollope decided to try a new life in America. Leaving 12-year-old Anthony at school, she set off with three of her children, two servants and a young French artist, Auguste

Ann Thwaite

FANNY TROLLOPE
The Life and
Adventures of a
Clever Woman
By Pamela NevilleSington
Viking, £20
ISBN 0 670 85905 2

Hervieu, whose skills and loyalty would compensate for the gossip he caused. Their destination was Nashoba, Tennessee. Which they thought to be a utopian community "dedicated to educating slaves in preparation for their eventual emancipation".

Nashoba was a disaster—

"three roofless log cabins in a malaria-ridden swamp". They moved on to Cincinnati, where Fanny devised some bizarre money-making shows for the deprived population before being bankrupted by the failure of an ambitious project, a sort of mammoth shopping and entertainment mall. In 1831 Mrs Trollope returned to England with the half-completed manuscript of her first book: Domestic Manners of



Fanny: admired and abused

the Americans, now reissued as a Penguin Classic (£8.99). America was then indeed a New World. As she wrote, "it was hardly better known than Fairy Land; and the American character had not been more deeply studied than that of the Anthropophagi". The book is the only one, of the 41 Mrs Trollope wrote over the next 24 years, that still survives. in 1839 the New Monthly Magazine declared: "No other author of her time has been at once so much read, so much admired and so much

Her biographer claims no

The name, not the number, of the beast

OF ALL the clever things done by the creators of the world's first cloned animal, one of the cleverest was to give her a name. It is harder to react with horror to a sheep named Dolly than it would have been to an nameless animal, or to one given a number. Brave New World-style. By such small accidents are our responses shaped, though it is doubtful that the scientists at the Roslin Research Institute had any

such manipulation in mind.

Some people, of course, were horrified anyway. A flurry of legislators set out to draft laws to prevent the method being used on humans. Gina Kolata, a science writer on the New York Times, has now written the first book-length account of the science that led to Dolly. It is an excellent guide to the science and the

history of cloning.

Dolly's birth did not spring unheralded into public consciousness. Indeed, one of the

Nigel Hawkes

CLONE
The Road to Dolly and
the Path Ahead
By Gina Kolata
Allen Lane, £15.99
158N 07139 9221 2

problems is that our minds have been all-too-well prepared by Mary Shelley and her successors. But Dolly was also born at a time when people are more unsure about the implications of science than ever before. As life expectancy increases, the risk of most kinds of accident declines, and the shadow of nuclear war recedes, the paradox is that people are worry-

ing more, not less.

There was also a scientific background touched by scandal. In 1975 a notorious book, In his Image: the Cloning of a Man had claimed the success-



Doily: the result of careful synchronisation of the cell cycle

ful cloning of a human being. Though eventually discredited, it muddied the waters. Then claims by a young German professor at the University of Geneva to have cloned mice were the subject of a fraud inquiry. Although it found the case unproven, no more mice were ever produced by his method.

by his memod.

By the early 1990s, Kolata says, cloning in mammals was taken seriously by comparatively few scientists. Cloning by embryo division was already possible, but seemed to have little future. Quietly Ian Wilmut and Keith Campbell

began work at Roslin, and proved that by careful synchronisation of the cell cycle, an adult cell could be persuaded to act like that of an embryo. Dolly was the result. Kolata proves an able guide,

Kolata proves an able guide, free of cliche and avoiding exaggerated attitudes. She reaches no firm conclusions about the future of cloning, but that is not a fault. Better, perhaps, to allow the fact of Dolly to become accepted before we leap to conclusions about what we think of it. Now that fact has almost caught up with fiction, time may make it seem less alarming.

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 WILLIAM DAMPIER was a nautical explorer at a time when Australia was as remote as Mars. He was an unusually talented navigator, and, as Anton Gill puts it in his biography. "pioneered seaways which opened the oceans to the major expeditions of the 18th century, which in turn would be instrumental in laying the foundations of the British Empire."

But his was an era in which

distinctions were blurred, and Dampier was also a pirate. Born in Somerset in 1651 into a poor, rural family.

into a poor, rural family. Dampier was 18 when he first set sail. Failing to make his fortune as a trader in the Caribbean, he fell into a more lucrative career as a pirate. He was an opportunistic explorer until 1699, when the Royal Navy dispatched him to Australia (then New Holland) in the Roebuck. Dampier and his crew were the first Englishmen to set foot on northwest Australia but the journey ended in disaster when Dampier was court martialled for maltreating an officer.

After that, Dampier went back to pirating. He was in a former Danish slaver when it picked up a Moskito Indian abandoned on Juan Fernandez, and on the island again in 1709 when Alexander Selkirk was rescued. Selkirk, and to a lesser extent the Indian, became the models for Defoe's Robinson Crusse.

Dampier's first publication, e

Pirate pioneer of the banana

Sara Wheeler

THE DEVIL'S
MARINER
William Dampier,
Pirate and Adventurer
By Anton Gill
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World, reveals a sharp-cyed interest in natural history and a gift for description: "The sea was already roaring in a white foam about us; a dark night coming on, and no land in sight to shelter us, and our little ark in danger to be swallowed by every wave: and, what was worst of all, none of us thought ourselves prepared for another world." He was largely self-taught, and his instruments had barely evolved from those used in the Middle Ages.

Gill is a committed apologist: but none the less, Dampier emerges from these pages as a hopeless leader, a drinker

and a man deficient in moral scrupies. He was the first person to tell us about bananas though, and The Devil's Mariner is a colourful yarn. Besides a gristy catalogue of piratical torture we see Dampier pricking sea lions to death for fun and pulling a two-footlong worm out of his foot. Gill describes crews filling eightgailon jars with tortoise oil (a butter substitute) in the Galapagos and reveals that the officials of what is now North Vietnam were eunuchs who were not only castrated but "docked smack smooth".

Fitting for a man born in East Coker, Dampier's story has a literary bent. His published works were edited by John Masefield, Swift's Gulfiver refers to "my cousin Dampier" and Coleridge advised travel writers to use his style as a model.

ANTON GILL however, is not a natural writer. He is at his worst when indulging in the exclamation mark. scourge of all prose. (Writing of Dampier's temper, he says, "When it shows, it shows!" The trouble with biographical subjects alive several hundred years ago is that they usually remain elusive. In Gill's case this leads to some desperate thrashing around in the chopwaters of conjecture. Dampier may have been homosexual, despite his mar-riage," suggests Gill, "but there is no evidence for this."

Shadow of nostalgia

In 1963, while Octavio Paz was Mexico's Ambassador to India, he received a telegram from Brussels informing him that he had been awarded the Knokke le Zoute International Prize for Poetry. Paz. who came to receive world attention as the winner of the Nobel Prize in 1990, was disturbed by the news. "Prizes were public, poems private. If I accepted the prize, wouldn't I be revealing the secret and

betraying myself?"

To find him an answer, his friend Raja Rao, the nevelist, and essayist, took him to Mother Ananda Mai in Delhis She smilled at Paz and chucked him an orange, which he duly caught, and interpreted as a sign from her that "life" is a game and nothing more. Later she laughed at him. "What variny! Be humble and accept this prize. But accept it knowing that it is worth little.

or nothing, like all prizes."

Entertaining and revealing anecdotes such as this one are rare in this book, which concerns itself with lofty matters, such as the "search for the self" and the answer to the question that India poses to everyone who visits it. In Light of India is a book full of interpretations on a universal scale, a hybrid collection of reflections and generalisations. Paz is an aristocrafic

Ardashir Vakil

IN LIGHT OF INDIA

By Octavio Paz.

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CROMARTIE V.THE
GOD SHIVA
Acting Through the
Government of India

By Rumer Godden Macmillan, £12,49 18BN 0.33371549 9

cummentator with a compendious knowledge of human history. He gives us potted histories of Gandhi, Jinnah, Nehru and the Mughals, bhis main concern is to distil a kind of poetic understanding from the things he sees around him. To read some of his flighty, befuddled pronouncements is like placing yourself in the hands of a knowledgeable but intoricated academic.

able but intoxicated academic.
Rumer Godden's novel begins in London's Ims of Court. A Nataraja Shiva, which is a sacred statue of the dancing god, has gone missing from its shrine in the Patna Illall Hotel in India. It has turned up in the hands of a Canadian antiques dealer, Mr Cromartie, who is apprehended by Scotland Yard when he

mies to sell it to a prestigious art house in London. The Indian Government offer Cromartie a sum of money for recovering the stolen statue, but Cromartie is intent on suing them for its real value. A young, handsome, up-and-coming barrister. Michael Dean, sets off to investigate the mysterious goings on at the lavish, old-style hotel, which is run by an eccentric expatriate, Miss Sanni.

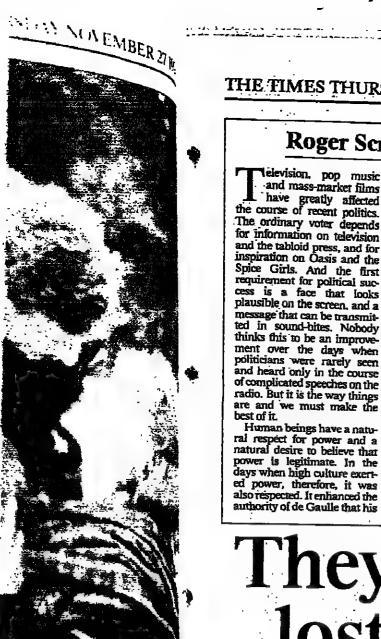
hus far, the plot which is based on a true story is sharp and convincing. But when the book moves to india, the characters and scenes seem to emerge from some nostalgic dream of post-colonial India. The story labours under the weight of cultural excursions into the local marketplace and Cox and Kings-style lectures on Indian gods and goddesses and their use in Indian sculpture.

These books, though written in opposing styles, view India with affection and nostalgia. India as a place of deep spirituality, of mystery, beauty and sublime sensual experience. It is not everyone's experience of India — but Rumer Godden, now in her nineties and who grew up and lived there before the war, has clearly not forgotten it.

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When



Roger Scruton is rocked and rolled by the revolution that has placed pop at the top of the political charts

Just add a pinch of Spice

and mass-market films have greatly affected the course of recent politics. The ordinary voter depends for information on television and the tabloid press, and for inspiration on Oasis and the Spice Girls. And the first requirement for political suc-cess is a face that looks plausible on the screen, and a message that can be transmitted in sound-bites. Nobody thinks this to be an improvement over the days when politicians were rarely seen and heard only in the course of complicated speeches on the radio. But it is the way things are and we must make the tainment. For it was thought to be a world of ephemera: powerless, transitory and in-capable of influencing the

Human beings have a natural respect for power and a natural desire to believe that power is legitimate. In the days when high culture exerted power, therefore, it was also respected. It enhanced the authority of de Gaulle that his

first act on liberating Paris should be to arrange a state funeral for Valery. It was a plus for Macmillan that he sat in the House of Commons reading Thucydides, and conducting orchestras made even Heath seem human. Harold Wilson tried to honour the Beatles, but, this gesture apart, no politician until recent times has thought it necessary to show any interest in the world of popular enter-

course of history. The mass media have changed all that. Pop "culture", as John Street calls it, is now a major political force.
The last election saw the party leaders scrambling to prove

of the Spice Girls, and the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales sticks in the mind land the gullet) largely because Elton John stole the show. Stealing the show is indeed as much the goal of modern politics as the aim of every pop star, and the fact that Tony Blair is so good at it explains the phenomenal success of his

During the 1960s there arose an academic subject called "cultural studies", ostensibly devoted to the study of popular culture but in fact built around a sub-Marxist agends. Its aim was to recruit the world of pop and television to the cause of organised dissent. Street has clearly been greatly influ-enced by cultural studies, and

POLITICS AND POPULAR CULTURE By John Street Polity Press, £39.50 ISBN 074561213 X

believes that popular culture has been a "source of political resistance" throughout its history. In his view, governments try desperately to con-trol this liberating force, by censorship and propaganda, but are never able to negate its subversive effect on the "bourgeois" order. This is the opposite of the old Marxist view, typified by Adomo, which saw popular emertain-ment (and popular music especially) as part of "bourgeois ideology," designed pre-

cence of the masses in the system that exploited them.

So there: take a couple of conflicting Marxist views, and you can turn anything, even pop culture, into an academic subject. People who would otherwise stay at home play-ing with the video and the CD player can now go to univer-sity and play with them there. A vast, jargon-infested literature has grown out of this obsession, and Street takes us on a tour of it, coming to few conclusions and never defining his subject except through examples. If we mean the word culture, in the sense made familiar by the anthro pologists, then popular culture does not consist merely in sones and soaps. Religion.

and were originally far more important.

Moreover, these are not normally sources of political resistance", but, on the contrary, ways of living with the fact of political power. If, on the other hand, you mean "culture" in the sense that critics use the term, I doubt that pop songs and television soaps are a form of culture at all. For they are set outside the range of critical judgment and produced solely to satisfy popular taste, and never to edu-

It clearly needed much study to persuade Street that pop is a subversive force, and that the "official culture" is constantly trying to silence it. For every public space in our country is filled by pop, no-

body is prepared to listen to a word against it, our politicians of all persuasions seek endorsement from those who produce and market it, and the few people who know it for the moral and spiritual disaster that it is are an endangered species, though one which will never be protected by the conservationists.

But then, Street has read

much, but very selectively. Nowhere do the arguments of Humboldt, Coleridge, Arnold, Leavis, Eliot, or the other defenders of high culture get a look in: never does he set up for himself a serious dissenting voice - a voice that will dissent from dissent. His book illustrates a sad truth: that the voice of high culture has disappeared from the modern academy, and what remains merely the pathology of social diseases, produced largely by those infected with

Bard of the **British** ballad

POETRY

harles Causley once said that he became a poet the day he joined the destroyer Eclipse at Scapa Flow in 1940. He was 23 years old, and up to then had worked as a clerk in a builder's office in his native Cornwall. Six years serving on the lower decks in the Royal Navy brought him face to face with death, as well as teaching him the common touch, with results that can be seen in his first book of verse, Farewell, Aggie Weston, not published until 1951.

Causley was a slow developer, but already in that first book there was one poem which showed him at full strength, the excellent A Ballad för Katharine of Aragon, which links the death of the young queen with the death in battle of his gunner friend Jumper Cross: "O shall I leap in the river/ And knock upon paradise door/ For a gunner of twenty seven and a half/ And a queen of twenty four?/ From the almond tree by the river/ I watch the sky with a groan/ For Jumper and Kate are always out late/ And I lie here

This owes something to Auden, but more to the tradition of anonymous English ballads of the kind which Sir Philip Sidney spoke of as stirring his blood like the sound of a trumpet. Such

Robert Nye

COLLECTED POEMS 1951-1997 By Charles Causley Macmillan, £20 ISBN O 333 69921 I SELECTED POEMS FOR CHILDREN **By Charles Causley** Macmillan, £5.99 ISBN O 330 35404 3

things have to be fresh and direct, and touch the heart. This suits Causley, and he has few modern rivals in the field. whole of this man's achieve-

Ballad-mongering is not the ment, though. His publishers have done him proud with a Collected Poems 1951-1997 range of his work — from narrative poems rooted in myth and legend to sharp little poems of self-accusation such as Trusham. The common denominator is honesty. You can feel it in the rhythms.

Causley returned from war service to become a schoolteacher, and some of the finest of his later poems reflect his concern for his pupils. Here he is worrying away about a boy from the back streets: "Timothy Winters has bloody feet/ and he lives in a house on Suez Street/ He sleeps in a sack on the kitchen floor/ And they say there aren't boys like him any more." The last line has an awkwardness which expresses the power of the poet's feelings by rubbing right up against the limits of the form.

It seems of the essence of Causley that several of the poems in the Collected appear also in his Selected Poems for Children, but that in the adult volume they are not presented separately under any special heading of "children's poetry". There is a telling phrase at the start of that Katharine of Aragon ballad, where poetic perception is identified as seeing things "with the eyes of a child of ten". It is a child's mixture of innocence and knowingness which this poet aspires to. In short, Causley is the real thing, and I'd bet that some of his lines will be remembered and loved when the work of more ambitious 20th-century poets has been

long forgotten. THE TIMES ON SATURDAY

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They really lost their marbles

Peter Stothard chips away at a racy

tale of scandal and statuary

By Theodore Vrettps

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Throughout the nine years of their marriage, Lady Elgin's husband lost his nose (to a disease that looked unhappily like syphilis); his money (and much of her money too) and the good name that he hoped would forever attach to his marbles. As a result he also lost his wife - to a wealthier and wiser man who had to endure one of the messier divorce suits of 19th century Scotland. This book is called The Elgin Affair and its subject is the "abduction" of the Parthenon sculptures and the "passions it areased". But it is Lady Elgin's affair, not Lord Elgin's, that

arouses the real passions of the author.

In the past 200 years there have been many books bewailing the fate of the Parthenon at the hands of the Turks, the French, the Greeks

concern for the sculptures themselves and their place in Greek history, European culture and the story of man's image of man. This one barely touches upon the marbles at all. It reads like the notes for a romping romance, and one that might have been written just as easily about the theft of a few rubies from a Biarritz

Writers of adventure novels (and owners of rare rubies) have long known that the best way to protect jewels from thieves is to invent a curse upon all who come into illegal possession of them. Vrettos makes much of Lord Byron's propaganda poem, The Curse of Minerva, which describes the goddess's anger at seeing her temple despoiled by a man who carted much of it away to England and carved his name on what remained. Byron's Minerva curses Elgin, his homeland and his children. Vrettos writes with a novelist's certainty that this prophecy was amply fulfilled.

This licence allows him to wallow in

reception he received in England, not least from The Times, and his marital miseries. It also allows him to neglect such tedious historian's problems as whether Elgin had the legal authority to remove the marbles and whether, if he had not, they would have survived in anything like the good state in which they stand in London today.

He clearly would like to see the marbles returned to Athens. But he takes little part in the argument about why or how or with what effect this restitution might be achieved. Anyone who wants to hear a proper aesthetic and political case should buy Christopher Hitchens's brilliant 1987 polemic. The Elgin Marbles: should they be returned to Greece?,

now republished in a THE ELGIN AFFAIR Verso paperback. Lady Eigin would almost certainly have agreed with the

> meant nothing to a woman who always preferred heather to sculpture and prized good God-fearing Scots far above Athenian heathens of any age.

Mary Nisbet had been married only seven months when her husband was apppointed as George III's Ambassa-dor to Constantinople in 1799. At her first brush with political and archaeological intrigue in Naples, she was so unworldly, Vrettos tells us, that she balked at sharing even a roof with the infamous Emma Hamilton and her lover, Lord Nelson. A few months exposure to the Orient - and a friendly female mauling at the hands of the Sultan's harem - may have loosened her up a little. But she never warmed to marble-hunting.

Two separate forces dominated her life. The first was her husband's obsession with Greek art: this began as a desire to make paintings and casts in Turkish-controlled Athens and ended with his controversial decision to bring the original sculptures back to London. The second was the intermittent war at

the time between England, France and



Artifact that was the agent of Lord Elgin's ruin: head of a horse, from the east pediment of the Parthenon, now in the British Museum

conflict had much the greatest impact on whether Lady Elgin might ever be able to get her husband - still without his nose but at least with some marbles and money — back home to their scottish estates.

then Nelson's navy was protecting the Turks from the French, the authorities in Constantinople were happy to allow the British Ambassador to take away bits of stone for which they themselves had neither admiration nor use. When the politicians of London took a different course, the Turks would suddenly find the Parthenon to be a vital imperial interest. There were French rivals to Lord Elgin who had been at the task much longer. But they lacked a navy that could protect their interests so well.

The French did, however, have the last laugh. In 1803, when the Elgins were almost home with their treasure, they succeeded in locking his lordship away in a prison at Lourdes. Lady Elgin was allowed to return to Scotland

Pergusson whose possession of a nose. a large fortune, his freedom and no known penchant for Parthenon marbles made him a highly attractive prospect to her. The subsequent divorce papers, with their eloquent estimony to carnal connections at No 60 Baker Street and in Fortune and Blackwell's Edinburgh hotel, make much the most readable part of this

To glean the narrative from the other chapters may require some readers to suspend their sense of appropriate prose. "The Sicilian sky was on fire when HMS Phaeton dropped anchor off Palermo," begins chapter one. "A thousand minarets jabbed at the cloudless sky, while in the bustling harbour of Constantinople . . ." begins chapter two. And so on until Lady Elgin's lonely final days when "she could hear Athena's vengeful curse as she stood there paralysed, terrified by the relentless surge of time, the fierce growth of grass under her feet, the thunderous pulse of the firth on Scotland's ribs."

and died in 1971. Sybil is Mesens's English wife who ended up as chief analysed. The author particularly has the full measure of Jennie as the woman who passionately disliked traditional "women's concerns", and these passages are among the best in the biography, throwing light on a little-examined corner of feminist history.

Jennie's and Nye's own complex relationship is lovingly charted in the way it formed and flowered and lasted fragrance.
Melly's narrative is espebeyond the grave, while there are clear accounts of Jennie's working and family relationships, hiding none of the less admirable aspects of her character nor glossing over the many contradictions between class-consciousness and Labour aristocracy in the lives described. The measure of the author's success in recreating the tempestuous and opinionated Jennie is that she manages to elicit our admiration and affection for a woman whom she shows to have been disliked by most of those who ever worked with her - even if loved by the wider Labour world. The biography is at its best when dealing with what the author calls "the de-politicised Jennie" of the later years.

The discrete accounts of the Ministry of the Arts and the founding of the Open University go well beyond Jennie's role in either and become mini-histories in their own right: shrewd, balanced, informative and full of insights into these two near-mythical creations of Wilson's Labour Government which have gone on reverberating down the years. As twin records, they are unlikely to be bettered anywhere. Caroline Benn's biography of Keir

Hardie is published by Richard Cohen Books, priced £14.99.

The shavings of a life stuck down

an alcoholic Belgian surrealist, born in 1903, who came to London before the war as an art dealer. In later life, working from a mansion flat near Lord's Cricket Ground, he achieved a reputation for collage, producing several hundred pieces, some of which are in national collections (the illustration at right is taken from Surrealist Art edited by Dawn Ades and published by Thames & Hudson at £24.95). Perhaps his most significant role in art history was as the supporter of Magritte during that artist's long, unadmired period. It was Magritte's work which formed the core of the outstanding collection left to two cousins when Mesens passed into an alcoholic coma

EDOUARD MESENS was

buyer at Dickens and Jones department store. She doesn't figure greatly, although he does describe her as "an original and remarkable person". This must be on account of her custom of sniffing the armpits of the shop girls in order to maintain standards of

cially candid. For this is also a love story - of sorts. Melly, an adherent of Surrealism since schooldays, visited Mesens in Soho while serving in the Royal Navy. The young sailor slept with both Mesens and his wife, separately and together. When his National Service ended Melly persuaded his father to invest in Mesens's London Gallery in Brook Street, and Mesens to give him his first job there. Alas, Surrealism was out -replaced by Existentialism and the gallery failed, but not before both men had acquired works which would eventually stand them in good stead. Meanwhile George had started singing jazz.

It all happens against a background of foggy nostalgia: Peak Frean biscuits, Lyons's Corner Houses, the News Chronicle, Benzedrine inhalers, McFisheries and offlicences. Occasionally matters get more hard-core. There are, for example, a couple of fascinating pages on how to frame and hang pictures. But direct-



Duncan Fallowell

DON'T TELL SYBIL

An Intimate Memoir of E. L. T. Mesens

By George Melly Heinemann, 17.99 ISBN 0434462500

Mesens: 1957 collage

ly afterwards Melly writes: 'I'm well aware that this didactic excursion may have glazed many an eyeball." Such a mistaken attitude explains how the book manages to be flabby as well as short. The prose style too could have done with tightening up. At one point all three elements— Surrealism, nostalgia, weak prose - come triumphantly together in "... a bottle of Tizer which I are at my desk".

For a long time the image of Mesens is not clear — he is a back disappearing round cor-ners. I began to think the book was a hoax of the Bruno Hat sort. But after the death of Sybil from leukaemia, Mesens goes downhill fast and his character attains a slobbish and vivid authenticity. By now Melly has become a very fashionable media figure and Mesens feels terribly left behind, causing embarrassing drunken scenes at Gloucester Crescent. But George has the biggest heart in the business. all is forgiven (except by Mrs Melly), and the story ends with an apt surrealistic scene: when Melly's sister "entered the room where Edouard lay unconscious, she discovered a nun in full fig feeding him gin from a teaspoon. He'd have

Sex drugs and fat

than ever

When the personal is political

In this biography the rational Patricia Hollis has chosen the route of disaggregation: Jennie Lee's political work in one set of chapters, her personal life, including the life with New Person in another West her life with Nye Bevan, in another. We are ferried back and forth, often running over events already described and inevitably needing to be repeated. Yet we are never lost. The least satisfactory parts relate to

Jennie's own politics and her political life before the 1960s. While acknowledging Jennie's socialism to be central to both her personal and public life, including her relationship with Nye, its nature is never really explored. Nor is there much of an attempt to chart its development. Given the mass of docu-mentation available, there are few direct quotations characterising Jennie's own political thought at the various periods of her life. The author is not quite at home with

this aspect of her subject, writing from a perspective which often characterises Jennie's political beliefs as "oppositionist", "sectarian" and "far-left" (pejorative words not much in common use mil the 1970s and 1980s). Less than justice lone to the ideological driving force behind so much Labour politics of the 20th century, the politics in which

she was committed. Less than justice is done to some of Jennie's political work as well despite the well-researched accounting of it. When she lost her seat in 1931 and spent 15 years opposing fascism and campaigning for socialism in places like Spain, the United States and the Soviet Union, writing and lecturing in the midst of many of the most

Jennie Lee was nurtured and to which



Aneurin Bevan and Jennie Lee sign the marriage register, 1934

Caroline Benn

JENNIE LEE A Life By Patricia Hollis OUP, £25 ISBN 0198215800

important events of this turbulent period - or defying the wartime electoral truce in Bristol - this is described as time in the "wilderness". The author's central interest - and best work - relates to Jennie Lee as a

career politician in the Labour Party -

Jennie as MP and as minister in a

Labour government. MP she wanted to be, but a ministerial career was not her own uppermost ambition as is evident in her return to Parliament in 1945 when she threw her political lot in with Nye Bevan: "Nye is my best hope of seeing the Labour Movement kept on socialist lines." Patricia Hollis sees this as subordinating her career to Nye's. But it is fair comment in view of the

evidence presented, which suggests that Jennie Lee looked all her life for powerful, older men to keep her going. The account of Jennie's indulged upbringing by her father and grandfa-ther, her clinging affair with the older, married MP, Frank Wise, her later dependence on Arnold Goodman and

Bargains of the week: exceptionally low prices to Hong Kong, winter sunshine in Portugal, festive breaks in Yorkshire



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THE LAST of the summer wine might be the last thing

anyone wants over Christmas, but the village where the TV series is filmed is among attractions included in threenight Yorkshire festive breaks on offer from Leger. The £249 price, with no single supplement, includes meals, singalongs and shopping, plus coach travel from many pickup points on December 24. Details: 01709 839839.

■ CELEBRATING New Year's Eve at Claridge's must be the latest in oneupmanship. To mark the start of its centennial year, the hotel is holding a ball with champagne, a tuxedo band and a Scottish piper. Tickets cost £100 and you can sleep it off in a Claridge's bedroom for another £100. Details: 0171-409 6594.

THE Youth Hostels Association provided the wrong tele-phone number last week for its Yorkshire Moors and Dales guide. Now it is promot-ing hillwalking and moun-taineering breaks around Derwentwater from £99 for a weekend in the new year, including full board. These are the correct numbers: for the Yorkshire guide 01727 845047, for the Lake District breaks

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cash flowing.
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ing within a week or fortnight. Details: 01204 701000 ■ BAHAMAS all-inclusive holidays, with children under 12 paying £250, are available from Bon Voyage. The offer applies to week-long holidays between January I and April 2 at a resort with sporting faci-lities, including golf and ten-nis. Adults pay £1,117. Details: 01703 330332.

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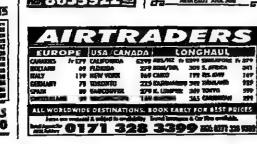
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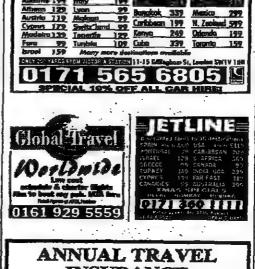
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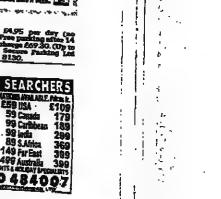
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the option in 1964 had been outwith the powers of Dorchester

His Lordship went on to hold that if the grant of the option had been valid, the assignments by sub-letting for excessive terms would not have disentitled the plaintiff from exercising it.

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There were two questions for the

judge to decide on causation:

1 What would the doctor have done, or authorised to be done, if

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would that have been negligent? The Bolom test had no relevance

to the first of those questions but

the majority of the Court of Appeal held, the judge had directed him-

However, he had also expressed these doubts: "Mr Brennan also advanced a powerful argument,

which I have to say as a layman appealed to me, to the effect that the views of the defendants' experts simply were not logical or sensible.

Given the recent and more remote history of Patrick's iffness. culminating in these two episodes.

surely it was unreasonable and

surely it was unreasonable and illogical not to annicipate the recurrence of a life-threatening event and take the step which it was acknowledged vould probably have saved Patrak from harm? This was the safe option, whatever was suspected as the cause, or even if the cause was thought, to be a material.

thought to be a mystery. The difficulty of this approach, as in the event 1 think Mr Bresnan acknowledged, was in effect that it invited are to substitute my own

views for those of the medical

There could be no doubt that, as

she had attended Patrick?

was central to the second.

than approach.

He had developed the premises — could not import into the statutory

House of Lords Logical basis of medical opinion required

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson. Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Nolan. Lord Hoffman and Lord Clyde Speeches November [3]

A court was not bound to hold that a defendant doctor escaped liability for negligent treatment or diagnosis just because he led evidence from a number of medical expens who were genuinely of the opinion that his treatment or diagnosis accorded with sound medical practice.

The court had to be satisfied that the exponents of the body of opinion relied on could dem-onstrate that such opinion had a logical basis.

In particular in cases involving, as they often did, the weighing of risks against benefits, the judge, before accepting a body of opinion as being responsible, reasonable or respectable, would need to be satisfied that, in forming their views, the experts had directed their minds to the question of comparative risks and benefits and had reached a defensible conclu-

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The House of Lords so stated in dismissing an appeal by the administratrix of the estate of Patrick Nigel Bolitho (deceased) from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal on December 15, 1992 of her appeal from Mr Justice Hutchinson on February 15, 1991, on a claim for damages for medical negligence as a result of treatment received by the deceased, boy aged two, at St Bartholomew's Hospital on January 16 and 17, 1984, who suffered caustrophic brain damage as a result of cardiac arrest induced by respiratory failure.

Mr Daniel Brennan, QC, Miss Deirdre Goodwin and Miss trix; Mr Robert Owen, QC and Mr

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-

A physical assault on a court official while he was engaged in official business in the administra-

tion of justice was a contempt of

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chan-

cellor, so held in the Chancery

Division after an applicant, Mr Graham de Court, of Waltham

Cross, spat at a court official. His Lordship had stood the matter over for the Official Solicitor to

make inquirits into Mr de Court's medical condition.

amicus curige: Muss Barbara Rich for the Official Solicitor.

Mr Robert Engelhart, QC, as

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

said than two weeks previously Mr de Court had spat into the face of

Judgment November 18 . .

In re de Court

Chancellor

Terence Coghlan, QC, for the that over the last two hours Patrick health authority.

LORD BROWNE-WIL-KINSON said that when the case came to trial there was a conflict of evidence between a nursing sister and a doctor as to what was said in the course of calls to the doctor

The judge accepted the sister's defendants accepted that the doc-tor was in breach of her duty of care in not attending Partick or arranging for a suitable deputy to

Negligence having been estab-lished the question of causation had to be decided. By the end of the trial it was common ground, first, that intubation so as to provide an airway in any event would have ensured that the respiratory failure did not lead to cardiac arrest and, second, that such intubation would have had to be carried out before the final catastrophic episode.

The judge had identified the questions as: once it was held that the doctor was negligent in falling to attend at either 12.40pm or 2pm, the sole issue was whether Patrick would on one or other of these If the doctor would have insucceed, whether or not that was a course which all reasonably com-petent practitioners would have followed.

If however, the doctor would not have intubated, then the plaintiff could only succeed if such failure was contrary to accepted medical As to the first issue, the doctor's

evidence was that she would not have intubated and the judge accepted that.

As to the second issue, the judge had evidence from eight distinguished medical experts.

when he was dissatisfied with the

clerk's response to his application

for a date to be fixed for a hearing.

Mr. de Court was not a person

responsible for his actions in the

individuals. He should be re-

garded as a person under a disability under Order 80, rule Zof

the Rules of the Supreme Court. Miss Rich submitted that inter-

ference with the purely admin-istrative actions of court officials did not constitute contempt. She

referred, inter alia, to Boirie & Lowe on The Low of Contempt

(third edition (1996) p433) and Weston v Central Court Admin-

istrator (1977) QB 32) in which Lord Justice Bridge had held that a discourteous and abusive letter

written to a court official in respect

of his conduct of the purely administrative business of the

way that was normally expected of

A medical certificate stated that

was in a state of respiratory distress progressing inemorably to hypoxia and respiratory failure.

The defendants' experts considcred the facts as recounted by the Patrick was quite well apart from the two quite sudden acute epi-sodes at 12.40pm and 2pm.

The judge held that the evidence he accepted, was inconsistent with a child passing through the stages

of progressive hypoxia.

The judge directed himself as to the law by reference to Maynard v
West Midlands Regional Health
Authority (1984) 1 WLR 634, 639)
and held that it had not been
proved that the admitted breach of duty by the defendants had caused the catastroohe which had occ orred to Patrick. The locus classions of the test for the standard of care required of a

doctor or any other person profess-ing some skill or competence was the direction to the jury given by Mr. Justice McNair in Bolam v Friern Hospital Management Committee [1957] 1 WLR 582, 587) nee (1957) 1 WLR 582, 587). it was that test which was repeated in different words in Maynard's

Before their Lordships, Mr Brennan, submitted first, that the Bolam test had no application in deciding questions of causation and, second, that the judge mis-directed himself by transion it as directed himself by treating it as being so relevant. raised for the first time by am

His Lordship respectfully agreed with that statement but thought that a physical assault on the Clerk of the Lists while he was

engaged in official business in the administration of justice was a

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was a contempt of court; how serious would depend on the

nature of the case.

There was no doubt that what

Mr de court did constituted the

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iperis." Before their Lordships Mr Brenman had repeated those arguments. His Lordship agreed with ment to the notice of appeal in the Court of Appeal, commended itself to Lord Justice Simon Brown and the court was not bound to hold that a defendant doctor escaped hability for negligent treatment or diagnosis just because he led evidence from a number of medisented. His Lordship had no doubt that in the generality of cases the proposition of law was correct but

present case was not guilty of any treatment or charginasis accorded with sound medical practice. In the Rolen case. My history McNair stated (at p567) that the defendant had to have acted in accordance with the practice ac-

cepted as proper by a "responsible body of medical men". Later tan p665) he referred to "a standard of practice recognised as proper by a competent reasonable body of opinion". In the passage cited from Maynard's case, the judge referred to a "respectable" body of pro-

fessional opinion. The use of those adjectives responsible, reasonable and respectable all showed that the respectation: an showed that the court had to be satisfied that the exponents of the body of opinion relied upon could demonstrate that such opinion had a logical basis.

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His Lordship emphasised that it would seldom be right for a judge to reach the conclusion that views held by a competent medical expert were unreasonable. He turned to consider whether this was one of those rare cases.

In his judgment it plainly was not. The judge and the Court of Appeal reached the right conclusions on the evidence and his Lordship would dismiss the Lord Slynn of Hadley delivered

a concurring speech and Lord Noian. Lord Holiman and Lord Solicitors: Irwin Mitchell, Shef-

Assault on working court official is contempt

His Lordship, however, was troubled, in view of the medical evidence, that he might not have

since he intended to do what he

had done and did it consciously.

The administration of justice depended not just on judges and course in court, it also depended the requisite mens rea existed despite his medical infirmity. As to punishment, it would be quite inappropriate to deal with the case in what would be the upon court officials, members of the court service, discharging essential functions for the purpose normal way, namely a sensence of imprisonment. But the court's of enabling cases to come to court. In his Lordship's judgment, a physical interference with officers function was not just to pronounce a coimble sentence but was also to of the court who were conducting protect the officers of the court

from repetitions of the incident.
It was no surprise, given the Court had expressed no contrition. He had so far made over a hundred attempts at instituti ridiculous and incomprehensib

neident that had taken place.

might seek to institute proceedings. He had an inherent power and duty to take those steps as a Chancery Division and as far as the county courts were concerned as the head of civil justice.

pursuing any action in court except

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entertain them or treat them seriously he became angry with the consequence of the sort of

Ricer to restrain Mr de Court from by a next friend who could act for him: second, to restrain him from entering any civil court premises save as necessary to answer court

In the exercise of that power he

Mr de Court and communicated to elevant courts.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: breasts, and invited her to have

When court officials declined to

His Lordship had a duty to provide protection to court officials not just in the High Court but also in any court where Mr de Court judge and Vice-Chancellor of the

Council shelters behind its own unlawful act

into six units, all of which were

sub-let, some of the sub-leases

expressed to continue beyond the expiry date of the 1969 lease.

A clause in the leave granted the

Stretch v West Dorset District Council

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord

Budement November III A local authority's power under section 164 of the Local Government Act 1933 to let land in its possession did not include the

The Court of Appeal so held, inter alia, when dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff lessee, Mr Michael Stretch, from the order of Mr Justice Chadwick sitting in Weymouth District Registry on April 25, 1996, whereby he struck out his originating summons hold-ing that he was not entitled to exercise the option to renew for a further term of 21 years the lease of premises at Poundbury West Camp Estate, Dorset, that had been granted to him in 1409 by Dorchester Borough Council, the predecessor of West Dorset Dis-

Mr Peter Birts, QC and Mr Stephen Rubin for Mr Stretch: Mr. Kirk Reynolds, QC, for the council. LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-SON said that 19 acres of industrial land were let to the plaintiff in

wer to grant an option to renew

plaintiff an option to renew the 1969 lease for a further 21 years. In October 1990 the plaintiff gave notice to exercise that option. The effect of the 1933 Act was

that a local authority could make through the exercise of powers conferred by statute on it. Section 164 of the 1933 Act provided: "A local authority may

let any land which they may possess. "The question whether that power included a power to grant an option to renew had been cunsidered in Farrage y North Wiltshire District Council (The Times December 31, 1991, (1991) 64 P & CR 527. CAI and West Middlesex Golf Club Ltd v Ealing London Borough Council (11404) 68 P & CR 461). Agreeing with the ubiter observations of Lord Justice Scott

in Farrage and the conclusion reached by the deputy judge in West Middlesex, the grant of an option to renew was, as a matter of The fact that many commercial

His Lordship concluded by saying that it gave him little satisfaction to dismiss the appeal. It seemed unjust that when public bodies miscunstrued their ann powers to enter that commercing transactions with unsuspecting the public those members of the public those bodies should be allowed to take

advantage of their own errors to escape from the unlawful bargains which they had made. But that local authorities could successfully assert the invalidity of their own action was well established: see Credit Suisse v Allerdale Borough Council (1997) QB 306). There was considerable

sympathy for the plaintiff in the result. Lord Justice Nourse gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Otton agreed.

Sulicitors: Berrymans.

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Justices able to distinguish different kinds of evidence

G (a Minor) v Director of Public Prosecutions Before Lord Justice Brook and Mr

Judgment October [4]

Justices were quite capable of distinguishing between evidence that a child knew quite well what he was doing was seriously wrong and evidence relating to issues of

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an ap-peal by G. a minor, against the decision of Cmydon Youth Court so admit evidence of a previous incident which had not been the subject of a criminal conviction to rebut the presumption of doli incepax, that is, that a minor was

incapable of committing a crime. Miss Gillian Lines for the appellant: Mr John Anthony Blair Gould for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE GAGE said that on December 20, 1996 G was victed by Croydon Youth Court of indecent assault contrary to section 14(1) of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 who found that G. then aged 12, had seized hold of a fellow pupil the same age, pressed him-

admitted evidence of a previous incident which had happened at a different school on October 7, 1994 when according to the head teacher and another teacher at that school the appellant had pulled a girl pupil's knickers down.

That incident had lead to the appellant being excluded from the school for three days and a meeting was held herween the head teacher, the appellant's parents, and the appellant.

The justices admitted that evidence not as evidence of the truth of the previous incident but as evidence of doll capax. The questhe court was right to admit such Miss Lines submitted that such

evidence was prejudicial and lacked probative value. The appellant did not accept that the to have happened. There was also no sufficient evidence that the appellant would have been aware of what he was accused of. Ref (1996) AC 1, 34, 35E) per Lord

It was common ground that the evidence was not similar fact evidence but Miss Lines submitted it was the equivalent of putting in which Lord Lowry in C v DPP had found unacceptable.

Mr Blair-Could submitted that the evidence was relevant as it showed the fuss caused by the previous incident and that at the meeting held between the appelappellant's parents, and the appelto him that such behaviour was

viewed very seriously. That was highly relevant to the rebuttal of the presumption of deli incapax as it showed the applicant knew what he did was wrong.

This case did not concern criminal conviction but evidence of appellant. There was often a fine line to be drawn between the two but here the justices were quite correct to admit the evidence as it showed the appellant was aware such conduct was serious and

for that purpose and that purpose alone. Justices were well able to separate what was or was not true

and doll incarex. Lord Justice Bruok agreed.

Solicitors: Amin & Co. West Norwood: Crown Prosecution Ser-

European Law Report

- VAT not payable on workers' transport

Julius Fillibeck Sohne GmbH & Co KG v Finanzamt Neusbadt Case C-258/95

Before C. Gulmann, President of Chamber and Judges M. Wathelet, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, P. Jann Advocate General P. Leger

(Opinion January 16) Ljudgment October [6] Where an employer provided to some employees free transport from their homes to their work-place and there was no real connection between the use of the transport and the work performed or wages received, the provision of the transport was not a supply of services for consideration, for

value-added tax purposes.
Where, the requirements of the business made it necessary for the employer to provide transport for employees, the supply of the transport services was not effected for ourposes other than those of the The Fifth Chamber of the Court

of Justice of the European Communities so held on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty by the Bundesfinanzhof (Federal Finance

Court), Germany.

The plaintiff, a building undertaking, conveyed certain employ-ces free of charge from their homes to the various building sites where they were required to work, either private vehicle of one employee service. The transport was, in

concerned whether the supply of transport was subject to VAT, regard being had to articles 2(1) and 6(2) of the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes: common system of value added tax; uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 pl). Article 2 provides: "The following shall be subject to value added

more generally for purposes other than those of his business..."

case law that the concept of the supply of services effected for article 2(1), presupposed the exis-tence of a direct link between the service provided and the consid-tration received, it was also settled law that the taxable amount for a supply of goods or services was the subjective value, namely the consideration actually rec and not a value estimated accord

ing to objective criteria. The plaintiff provided transport when the employees homes and workplace were more than a certain distance apart, and the employees did not make any payment, nor was any sum de-ducted from their wages for the

In those circumstances there ective value and a direct link requirements relating to a supply of services effected for considwere therefore not

poses and of services provided free of charge by a taxable person for

transport he intended to use.

The employer was not involved in those decisions as the employee's only obligation was to be

provided to employees were for the private use of the employee, in the the usual Situation where an employee travelled between his and had the possibility of using ordinary means of transport. However in certain circum

change, could mean that the was obliged to provide

In such special circum the transport was organised for purposes which were not other than those of the business; the personal benefit derived by the employees appeared to be of only secondary importance compared to the needs of the business.

ter of the supply for article 6(2) purposes, indicated that the transport was provided for purposes the business. The special characteristics of

purposes not other than those of It was for the national court to enablish whether the particular characteristics of the case necessary, having regard to the requirements of the business, for

The question whether transnor services served purposes other than those of the business, in the altered by the fact that, instead of viding the transport in its own vehicles, the employer commis-sioned one of its employees to provide it in his own private

I Article 2(1) of the Sixth Directive was to be interpreted as meaning that an employer who provided transport for employees free of charge from their homes to the workplace where they were more than a specified distance apart, in the absence of any real our either with the work performed or the wages received, did not effect a supply of services for consideration within the meaning of that

2 Article 6(2) was to be interpreted as meaning that transport provided for employees free of charge by the employer between their homes and the workplace in a pany vehicle served, in principle, the employees' private purposes and thus served purposes other than those of the business.

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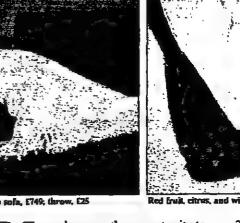
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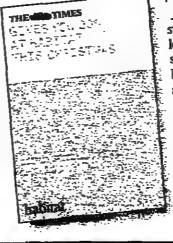








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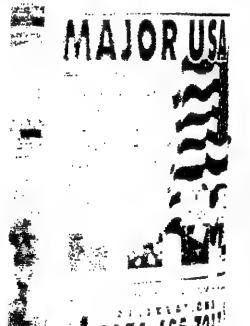
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of Justice of the European Commu-nities so held on November 6 when giving, pursuant to a reference under article 177 of the EC Treatyby the Bundesfinanzhof (Federal

nterpretation of article 9(2)(b) of member states relating to turnover taxes: common system of valueadded tax; uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 pl), in a dispute between the plaintiff, an operator motor coaches, and the German

Article 9(2)(b) provides: The

In its judgment the Fifth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held:

supplied shall be the place where the transport takes place, having egand to the distances covered." The Court said that the plaintiff contended that article 9(2)(b) only defined the place of supply of a transport service, and that factors other than distance covered could

places of supply was based on the specific criterion of the distances

which the total taxable amo

accordance with a collective agreenent, provided for employees who lived more than a certain distance from their place of work. The dispute in the proceeding

tax: (I) the supply of goods or services effected for consideration ... by a taxable person acting as

Article 6 provides: "(2) The following shall be treated as supplies of services for consideration: (a) the use of goods forming part of the assets of a business for the private use of the taxable person or of his staff or more generally for purposes other than those of his business where the value added tax on such goods is wholly or partly deductible; (b) supplies of services carried out free of charge by the faxable person for his own private use or that of his staff or

VAT allocated by distance

Reisebüro Binder GmbH v Finanzamt Stuttgart-Körperschaften (Case C-116/96)

frontier passenger transport scr-vices was to be allocated as between member states concerned having regard to distances covered in each state only, to the exclusion of any further criteria such as the duration of periods of stopping. The Fifth Chamber of the Court

For value-added tax, the total taxable amount in respect of cross-

Finance Court). Germany, 2 preliminary ruling on a question of Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC of May 17, 1977 on the harmonisation of the laws of the

place where transport services are

be taken into account in determining the apportionment on a territorial basis of the consideration for that service. However, the detrition of the place where transport services were supplied meant that the allocation between the various

To hold otherwise would deprive that criterion of any real significance and create the risk that, in relation to a single supply for could be determined without any particular difficulty in accordance with article II(A)(I)(a) of the Sixth Directive, various methods of allocating that total amount between the member states concerned would be unpredictably applied, to the possible detriment of a method of allocation based on

it was apparent from the Court's

service. Since the work to be performed and the wages received otherwise by employees of the transport, It was not possible to regard a proportion of the work performed as being consideration for the transport services.

In its reference to article 6(2), the Bundesfinanzhof did not establish whether sub-paragraph (a) or (b) applied to the case. The two provisions would be considered together. The purpose of article 6(2) was to ensure equal treatment as between toxable persons and final consumers; it was designed to prevent the non-taxation of business goods used for private pur-

It was normally for the employee to decide where his home would be with regard to his place of work and to determine the distance between them and the means of

present at his place of work at the Consequently, under normal circumstances, transport services meaning of article 6(2), and that article was to be interpreted thus in home and his fixed place of work

for the employer to provide transport between employees' homes and the workplace The fact that only the employer was able to provide suitable transport, or that the workplace was not always the same but was liable to

business might make it necessary

which were gibberish. Luxembourg

The fact that the transport was provided pursuant to a collective agreement, although not in itself sufficient to determine the charac-

building firms, as described in particular by the plaintiff in the present case, suggested that the transport might be organised for

the employer to provide transport and the workplace.

However, that provision did not apply when, having regard to certain circumstances, such as the difficulty of finding other suitable means of transport and changes in the place of work, the require-ments of the business made it necessary for the employer to n which case the supply of those

Hayles plots route to beat critics

SAILING

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN PREMANTLE

that the critics are there in the background. "I appreciate

there are a lot of people saying

'well he messed this up' or

whatever, but I knew that

would be the case when I

decided to take the job. Part of

accepting it was setting your-

Hayles admits that preoccu-

pation with the positions of

rival boats has been excessive

in Silk Cur's tactical game. In

many instances Hayles and Smith opted for a course that

they regarded as "safe" and

relied on boat speed to keep them in the hunt. "We did that

and it didn't work," Hayles

So a slight shift in approach and other aspects of the job are

likely in the remaining seven

stages of the race. With a top-

three finish now more urgent.

Hayles says he will be "more

aggressive" and more coura-

geous about accepting short-

term losses for greater gains in

the long run. Up until now

navigation and tactical deci-

sions have emerged from a

committee system comprising

Havies, Smith and Gordon

Maguire, the watch leader.

Smith himself has indicated

that when there is a genuine

option. Hayles will be given a

the middle of the fleet and sail

your angles effectively, you

make short-term gains and win the yacht race," Hayles

said. "On the first two legs that

hasn't worked. But what we

mustn't do now is completely

the biggest mistake we could

make is to suddenly become

very aggressive and find our-

blow it out of the window

'A lot of the time, if you sit in

self up for criticism."

ONE of the disadvantages of being a navigator in the Whithread Round the World Race is that when things are going well it is your skipper who gets the credit; when they go badly it is you, the naviga-

gets the blame.

Steve Hayles, 24, the navigator account Lawrie Smith's Silk Cut, could well have the hottest job in British sailing. His every decision is subject to scrutiny, not only by experts but by thousands of armchair sailors, many of whom have no qualms about calling for his head when results have not lived up to expectations.

Hayles, from Netley in Hampshire, is not one of the high-profile navigators in the fleet, some of whom earn salaries well into six figures. His youth and inexperience make him relatively cheap

Latest positions

and this factor was undoubtedly an attraction to Smith, who clearly believes Hayles has the talent to compensate and the resilience to cope with the pressure of being a tactician in the world's premier

With two fourth places so far, Silk Cut has not lived up to Smith's ambitions of compiling consistent top-three finishes. Both legs saw early tactical setbacks in very difficult weather and in a fleet where small initial gains have turned into margins of hun-dreds of miles. There have been rumours of changes but Hayles has remained calm and appears immune to the

I think this whole pressure thing is something people are trying to imply from the he said, during his first day off here. "I am doing the job to the best of my ability and Lawrie is very, very happy. I don't feel any more pressure now than I did before the race started."

Hayles is aware, however,

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Aiming to perfect juggling act

SARAH POTTER



ping into the book-makers opposite Clare Balding's London flat might wager that when Julian Wilson finishes his last BBC Television broadcast after 33 years next month, it will be Balding who will be offered the reins. Radio 5 Live listeners, on the other hand, may well be hoping that Balding carries on talking on their frequency. Smart money is on her doing

Officially, Balding, 26, is in negotiation with the BBC, but she has made it clear that she will not vacate her all-rounder's radio scat for job just covering racing. "I feel at home on radio. In many ways it is more intimate and immediate than television. I enjoy being on screen because I have the same adrenalin rush that I used to get when I was riding. What I don't like is the invasion of privacy that television brings.

Baiding ought to be used to it. Her father, ian, and uncles, Toby and William (Lord Huntingdon), are all highprofile trainers, the firstnamed pair having the Queen among their owners, and are thus familiar with media attention.

Clare was the leading amaselves in the corners, when teur Flat jockey in 1989 and that it not the right thing to the next year, while studying for an English degree at And coping with the ru-mours of change? There are a Cambridge, she became champion lady rider on the Flat. She had two days off lot of rumours flying about. I am not on Silk Cut because lectures to clinch the title and. Lawrie thinks I am a nice in return, taught her director bloke and he thinks he should of studies how to read form. help me out; he took me on Balding went on to become because I can do the job and I president of the Cambridge am still absolutely confident Union. She gave up riding



because it became difficult to keep her weight down.

She is refreshingly unaffected by fame and privilege, her parents having taught her to treat people on merit. "It was no good minding your p's and q's in front of someone important and then go into the yard and act like some spoilt brat, demanding to ride daddy's horses. The

seeing her sitting there. I really didn't know what to

After graduating with a 21, she faced a similar dilemma. She was contemplating a career in advertising when her mother introduced her to Cornelius Lysaght, the Radio 5 racing correspondent. "He suggested i go in for a voice test," she said. "I got a job

We could never remember which leg to put behind the other to curtsy'

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me to make a difference to my life. People you see every day

Meeting royalty was sometimes traumatic. The Queen would visit the yard and stay for breakfast. My brother and used to hide because we could never remember which leg to put behind the other to curtsy. I do remember running down the stairs, bursting into the kitchen, and

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mornings a week on Danny Baker's programme. He s good to me after a while, but the first few weeks

She was soon offered a twovear trainee contract by Bob Shennon, head of BBC Radio Sport, and within a year she was promoted. "I began by standing in deep water and just got very, very lucky." she

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

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and run telecommunication systems throughout the United Kingdom. Each Licensee

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thereby making each of the systems run under each licence eligible for designation as

from the Licensees for such licences because she considers that it will help to satisfy

will promote the interests of consumers in respect of the quality and variety of such

services, and will maintain and promote effective competition between those engaged

ees subject to certain exceptions and conditions throughout the United

Kingdom. The effect of the exceptions and conditions to the application of the Code

(a) to comply with various safety and environmental conditions, in particular (with

certain exceptions) to install lines underground or only on such above-ground

(b) to comply with conditions designed to ensure efficiency and economy on the part

the installation, maintenance, repair or alteration of their apparatus;

(c) to consult certain public bodies before exercising particular powers under the

of the Licensees, in connection with the execution of works on land concerning

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and the National Trust for Scotland, as well as relevant electricity suppliers;

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Communications and Information Industries Directorate, 2.67 Grey, 151 Buckingham

Palace Road, London SWIW 9SS. Copies of the proposed licences can freely be

demands in the United Kingdom for the provision of services of the type authorise

. She proposes to apply the telecommunications code ("the Code") to each of the

the Secretary of State to designate each of the Licensees' systems as a public

munication system under section 9 of the Act. It is the intention of

the biggest influence on her easy, ad-libbing style. "When i started, invers was great He told me that, if I wanted to be top dog. I had to go home and read books, watch videos and learn everything I could. He told me football is where

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racing anchorman for so long that his decision to retire early prompted speculation of a rift with Balding. She says not. "It was Julian who ested they screen-test me. He's known me since I was a child and we actually get on extremely well. It hasn't been as difficult as people make headstrong for him."

She compares sports broadcasting to advertising and wants racing to modernise. I've just come back from the Melbourne Cup, where they really market racing in a different way. I've never been so excited, looking at a sporting event. We could do things a lot better."

REAL TENNIS

Bray courting world crown

Simon Wilde reports on Britain's attempt

to wrest the men's title from Australia

become a miserable fact of life for English sportsmen. Cricket, rugby union, rugby league ... you name it, they have been heaten at it - for years on end and, invariably, by distances wider than the Sydney Harbour Bridge

Retribution may be at hand, however, even if it is in what has been described as the "ultimate minority sport". For ten years, Australia has held an vice-like grip on the men's world title at real tennis number of players in Britain 4,500; number of courts 20 but this is one reign they may be about to surrender.

Robert Fahey, the world champion for the past three Bray in the final of the British Land British Open at Queen's Club, London, on Tuesday night in a manner that sug-gested the Tasmanian will do well to retain his title in Melbourne in March. Before Fahey, the title was held by Wayne Davies, of Sydney, for

Bray, the world No 7, gave the performance of his life, giving his confidence a timely lift in advance of the three-way eliminators to decide who challenges Fahey for his title. Bray meets Julian Snow at Lord's next month, the winner aying the higher-ranked Mike Gooding in Melbourne before the title match. Snow and Gooding are also British.

Bray beat Fahey, who is accepted as the world's best player, on Tuesday in a manner that most Britons only guns blazing, picking out the

LOSING to Australians has targets with what looked like fortuitous frequency, but amazingly kept it up to the

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Before the start, a supporter thrust bananas into Bray's hand, thinking that he was in for a long battle and would need the energy, but they remained uneaten. He won in straight sets, 6-5, 6-0, 6-4, in 75 minutes. Fahey, never allowed to settle, looked as though he did not know what had hit

This was not the first time that Bray had beaten the world champion. He did so the four major champion-ships, the French Open, earlier this year, but that was on a court at Fontainebleau that is widely recognised as

One of the most arcane pects to this arcane sport (of which Dennis Silk once said that "anyone who understood the rules won a Blue") is that no two courts are the same. The texture of the plaster on floors and the precise geometries of the courts, all vary and suit certain players.

Equally arcanely, the world champion is allowed to choose not only the timing of his next defence, but also the venue. Fabey would ordinarily seek to gain an advantage by meeting a challenger on his home court in Hobart, but has received financial inducements to play the match in Melbourne, where the facilitators can be accommodated. Here again, there is hope for the three Britons.



BOXING

Grant aids cause with early arrival

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

Boxing Organisation middleweight title when he meets Otis Grant, of Canada, at Sheffield on December 9, he will be regarded as a worthy

Grant is not one of those opponents who makes long journeys just for the pay packet. He is boxing to secure a lucrative future as a world champion. At present he supplements his boxing income by teaching 13 to 18 year-olds who have behavioural

problems.

So it is hardly surprising that he has left nothing to chance and has taken the unusual step of arriving in Sheffield more than a month before the bout. Russ Amber, his trainer, said: "We had a bad experience when we came over with Otis's brother, Howard, to fight Billy Schwer in 1994. We were here six days before the fight but Howard was still suffering from jet lag on the night of the fight." Howard Grant was stopped in the ninth round by Schwer.

"This fight is too important to repeat the experience. Nor-

IF Ryan Rhodes succeeds in mally we go to camp for six securing the vacant World weeks, but having started weeks, but having started training in Canada, we decided to do camp here. We've brought our own sparring partner from America.

Like Rhodes, who has been with his trainer. Brendan Ingle, since he was a schoolboy, Grant has been in Amber's care since he was 13.

Both Grant and John Scully, his sparring partner, believe that Rhodes will find himself out of his depth, Scully claiming that Grant's opponents have been of a higher quality than those

Rhodes has faced. Grant's only defeat in 31 contests was at the hands of a worthy champion in Quincy Taylor, the Canadian being stopped in the last round though the scorecards had him in front at the time of the stoppage

Among opponents he has beaten are respected boxers such as Dan Sherry, Gilbert Baptiste, Ron Collins, Derick James and Rodney Toney and Grant was unlucky not to get the decision against Lonnie Bradley, who retained his title after a draw.

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The Secretary of State hereby gives notice as follows.

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- 2. The principal effect of each licence will be to enable the Licensees to install and run nication systems in the United Kingdom which may be connected to mications systems outside the United Kingdom, and to provide a wide range of international services but not any domestic services (i.e. services involving the conveyance of messages which originate and are subsequently to terminate in the United Kingdom) or mobile radio services. Each Licence authorises the connection to a wide range of other systems, including domestic systems and earth orbiting
- 3. Each licence will be subject to conditions such that section 8 of the Act will apply to in, thereby making each of the systems run under each licence eligible for designation as a public telecommunication system under section 9 of the Act. It is the intention of the Secretary of State to designate each of the Licensees' systems as a public telecommunication system.
- 4. The Secretary of State proposes to grant each licence in response to an application from each licensee for such a licence because she considers that it will help to satisfy demands in the United Kingdom for the provision of services of the type authorised, will promote the interests of consumers in respect of the quality and variety of all such services, and will maintain and promote effective competition between those engaged in the provision of releconstruction services.
- 5. Representations or objections may be made in respect of each of the proposed licences. They should be made in writing by 29 December 1997 and addressed to the undersigned at the Department of Trade and Industry, Communications and Information Industries Directorate, 2.57 Grey, 151 Buckingham Palace Road. London SWIW 9SS. Copies of the proposed licence can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Department (fax: 0171 215 1721) or by calling 0171 215 1756.

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(d) to keep and make available records of the location of underground apparatus and (c) to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet certain liabilities arising from 6. The reason why the Secretary of State proposes to apply the Code to the Licensees is that the Licensees will each need the statutory powers in the Code to install and maintain the telecommunication systems which are to be installed and run under the monosed licences. 7. The reasons why it is proposed that the Code as applied should have effect subject to the exceptions and conditions referred to above are that they are considered requisite or expedient for the purpose of securing that the physical environment is protected, that there is no greater damage to land than necessary, that the systems are installed as safely and economically as possible, and that the Licensees can meet (and relevant persons can enforce) liabilities arising from the execution of works. 8. Representations or objections may be made in respect of the proposed licences, the application of the Code to the Licensees and the proposed exceptions and conditions referred to above. They should be made in writing by 29 December 1997 and addressed to the undersigned at the Department of Trade and Industry,

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RACING: IRISH-BORN AMATEUR MAKES GOOD IMPRESSION WITH SINGLE-MINDED APPROACH TO CAREER

World crow Teething problems prove no bar to Prove no bar to Prove appetite

turf of an Irish point-to-point field, you might call them the wisdom teeth of a National Hunt jockey. Perhaps they are still there — a clue for future anthropologists, pondering what macabre ritual could explain this circle of birch altars round an old field. They would not be restrictly for would not be particularly far off the mark, either. The day Seamus Durack had his mouth smashed was indeed the day he joined the tribe. The young brave was blooded, setunflinchingly apart. Last month, on a busy

Saturday, few pumters will have pondered his exotic name on the Market Rasen card: Mr S Durack (7). The unknown amateur had two rides for the small Lambourn yard of Dai Williams. First Hermes Harvest, returning from a long absence, routed an odds-on favourite with a confident round of jumping in front. Those who noted his partner's calm definess could profit an hour later. Symbol Of Success, a novice, skidded to his knees when clear at the third last; Durack sat tight, did not panic, and nursed back his momentum to win easily.

Durack has ridden nine other winners this season, which - added to three earlier successes, and one on the Elat during the summer - have now reduced his allowance to

His achievements so far certainly do not merit particular attention. But punters should be alerted to the oppor-

runity his concession affords them, while it lasts; and those more purely motivated should know that Williams rates him "the best amateur we've seen since Richard Dunwoody". He hopes Durack can prove as much when partnering Hermes Harvest in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday.

There is, moreover, ample evidence that Durack is detergifts. At 22, he is making a relatively late start. This is

> RICHARD EVANS Nap: Foodbroker Star

(3.25 Taunton) . . The in-form Josh Gifford does not send many runnels to Prantion and Foodbroker Star looks capable of defying top seight today. The seven-year-off-competed against decent

Next best: Glamanglitz . (1.15 Uttoxeter)

his softly spoken, unassuming manner cannot disguise. Durack was born in Austra-

lia, but his parents returned to Tipperary soon afterwards. His father, a doctor, impressed upon the adolescent Seamus - entranced by a local racing yard - that he should not put all his eggs in such a threadbare basket. While Seamus revealed his instincts, aboard distracted yearlings and then a few point-to-pointers, he dutifully persisted with his education. "I finished school, and then

Limerick for a course in equine science," he explains. "I did well in the exams, and can go hack, but decided to come here a year ago last July." He joined Philip Hobbs in the West Country, but did not start getting rides until Febru-

ore day, he rang Williams for one. "I didn't give it to him, but let him come up and school half a dozen," the trainer recalls. "They all jumped well, all of them. You can't get that harky. I thought. can't get that lucky. I thought. He had something. I can praise him because he hasn't got a big head. He's very aware, and keen to learn more, all the time. He's very critical of himself, too critical sometimes. Doesn't drink or smoke. In fact, he should probably fraternise a bit more,

It has not escaped Durack's notice that Tony. McCoy is similarly single-minded. He duly weasures the words of Yogi Breisner, former Olympic medallist, and jumping troubleshooter to the most ignorant horses in training "He is very, very dedicated," Breisner says. "He's getting opportunities now, but is making the most of them because he has been prepared to work hard. Obviously he needs more experience, but I'm a great believer in confidence, in every walk of life, and horses do seem to go well for him. It's a tough sport, though, and he needs luck. Luck to stay in one piece, and luck to get on the



Durack proves he has earned the right to be a jump jockey with a toothless grin

Eudipe confirmed for Hennessy as field takes shape BY OUR RACING STAFF

MARTIN PIPE confirmed yesterday that Eudipe will take his chance in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday -but without the blinkers he wore when beaten by Suny Bay at Haydock last week.

They just did not seem to work, so we will leave them off on Saturday and hope for the best," Pipe said. His other entry, Indian Tracker, ground turns soft.

The ground remained good at Newbury yesterday. course spokeswoman said: "There was just one millimetre of rain overnight and the going is good on the chase course, good to soft on the hurdles track."

Paul Nicholls will wait until tomorrow before deciding whether last season's Scottish Grand National winner, Belmont King, takes his place in the Hennessy. "I've got a feeling the ground will ride on the slow side of good, in which case my intention is to run but I will wait until Friday to make a final decision," Nicholls said.

With Tony McCoy likely to be claimed to ride Eudipe in the race, Belmont King will be partnered by Timmy Murphy, Nicholls's new stable jockey, for the first time in public.

Prospects for Coome Hill's participation in the £70,000-added feature have improved after the gelding's workout yesterday. "Coome Hill worked well today and we just might have a try on Saturday," his trainer, Walter Dennis, said.

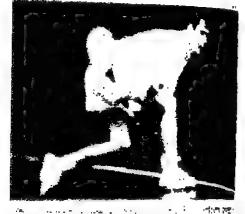
The former top hunter chaser, an impressive winner of the Hennessy last year, pulled a muscle and knocked out a vertebra when third to Banjo on his seasonal reappearance at Cheltenham earlier this month and was visited by a vet yesterday, who suggested the horse be worked.

"I was quite happy with him." Dennis added. "He surprised me quite a bit when he worked with a companion. It was more of a test and it was quite heartenovernight and if he's OK I'll give him a go in the morn-ing. I will just have to monitor the situation, but if all goes well with him between now and Saturday he will go to Newbury and Mick Fitzgerald will ride."

The other feature race on a competitive card at Newbury, the grade two Mitsubishi Mobile Phones Long Distance Hurdle, will see the Pipe-trained Pridwell attempt to gain his

fourth success in a row. Pridwell was impressive when winning the Coopers & Lybrand Ascot Hurdle last Friday. "He's been absolutely amazing this year. and has come out of his Ascot race well so he's an intended runner on Saturday," Pipe said.

☐ Hopes rose yesterday that the injury sustained by Martha's Son at Huntingdon on Tuesday may not be as bad as first feared. There had been worries that the ten-year-old would not race again after he was pulled up with a suspected crack in his near-fore. However, X-rays have failed to find any bone damage and his trainer. Tim Forster, said: "Everything is hopeful at this stage. They think he has just forn muscles very, very badly and it is very swollen and tender."



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Villa extend hand of charity but keep eyes on prize

Europe, Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, announced that an in-flight raffle had raised £1.211. The money would be donated to an orphanage in Bucharest, along with the proceeds from a collection to be made at the turnstiles before Villa's Uefa Cup third round, second-leg tie against Steaua Bucharest at Villa Park on December 9. Thank you very much, everybody," Eilis said, "It is very much appreciated."

Villa returned from Romania yesterday, from the intimidating atmosphere of the Steaua Stadium on Tuesday night, in good heart. A 2-0 deficit at half-time had been reduced to a 2-1 defeat at the final whistle, Dwight Yorke's 54th-minute goal giving them a better than even chance of progressing into the quarter-finals next month. "Now we are looking to finish them off and we have to make sure that we go out and do a good professional job at Villa Park," Yorke said.

Ellis, though, only had thoughts for the plight of the children he had met at the grimly named Orphanage No 7. He had presented them with two hundredweight of food and was so moved by the experience that he is considering further methods of assisting them long after the Uefa Cup tie is concluded.

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FOOTBALL League teams

used to hate meeting Wyc-

ombe Wanderers in the FA

Cup. Wycombe were on the

way up, climbing through the

semi-professional ranks while

using the Cup to showcase

their talents and ambitions.

They built a new stadium.

revelled under the manageriin 1993, the unsung side from

the home counties took their

place among the great and

On Tuesday night, how-ever, they got a taste of their

own medicine. Now settled in

the second division of the

Nationwide League, they

were dumped out of the FA

Cup in the first round, beaten

not by a rival from the

Vauxhall Conference, but by

Basingstoke Town, of the

Ellis took with him Adrian Vlad, a Jo-vear-old Romanian who attends No II School at the No b Orphanage in Bucharest's Sector 4. Vlad has undergone 16 operations for hladder and bowel problems. including a two-week stay at Guy's Hospital in London,

and soon faces a seventeenth. "If you saw what we saw, it would bring tears to your eyes," Ellis said. "The children get pocket money, but it works out to about SOp a month. want to do is hold your hand. We will try to help them in whatever way we can."

It is perhaps easy to be cynical about such offers. Ellis, a wealthy man, could buy the run-down institution many times over: the Villa players, who freely handed over £20 each towards the raffle, earn thousands of pounds a week. Indeed, Mihai Stoichita, the Steaua coach. was reported to have been upset by the food donation. describing it as no more than a patronising gesture to a proud

Whatever the sentiments felt. pro or anti, Chris Crabbie. the British ambassador in Bucharest, will receive a sizeable cheque after December 9. Life for the children of Orphanage No 7 may become a

In comparison, Steve Staunton's clouded future at Villa

Ryman League - that is, the

thmian League.
Worse, they lost having

original encounter ten days

earlier, having held a 2-0 lead.

Twice they led in the replay.

with goals from Steve McGavin, and twice they

were pegged back by equal-

isers from Paul Coombs, the

second a penalty five minutes

from the end of normal time.

Extra time could not separate

the sides and Basingstoke

won the penalty shoot-out, 5-4.

Basingstoke manager, it was

For Ernie Howe, the

Isthmian League.

FA

Wycombe fail to enjoy role reversal

Unless he and Brian Little, the manager, can sort out a new deal before his contract expires at the end of the season, Staunton will leave the club on a free transfer.

Under the latest post-Bosman ruling, which will come into effect on June 30 next year, all players of the age of 24 or over, and at the end of a contract, can move without a fee, With Staunton, 28, likely to be courted by many pro-spective employers, from home and abroad, Little has to address the matter swiftly.

"It's something to sort out between Brian and myself, not in public," Staunton, the Ireland defender, said yesterday. It has been very difficult to sit down and discuss it because of all the games I've been involved in recently. We don't seem to have had the time. All I'm really interested in at the moment is getting the next three points in the Premiership and going farther in the Uefa Cup.

Staunton's versatility has helped to gloss over many of Villa's shortcomings this season and he is an integral wellbeing, as he again proved against Steaua. The same, however, cannot be said at present about Stan Collymore, who again failed impress on Tuesday night and, if Little returns to his tried and tested

REVISED DRAW

an especially sweet win -

before the game, he had described Wycombe as the

model that all non-League

clubs, his own included, were

trying to emulate. Basingstoke now travel to

Ryman League. Hendon beat

It was a good night for the

Northampton Town.



Collymore leaves the field after his disappointing performance for Villa in Bucharest

Clubs appear divided over breakaway plan

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"We knew that we had a bit of THE Scottish League managea chance," Lewis said. "If we ment committee meet in Glascould keep a clean sheet, we were going to get chances."

Hendon's reward is a second-round tie at Cardiff City. gow today with attitudes hardening over proposals to establish a new premiership who put out Slough Town, of the Vauxhall Conference, in for next season. It has even been suggested that Doug extra time at Ninian Park, Smith, the league president 114th minute to earn a 3-2 win. United, may be required to use

his casting vote. The 30 clubs outside the Bell's Scottish League premier division appear to be firming against a new premiership being established in time for

next season. Clubs from the first division were due to meet in Paisley last night, while those from the second and third divisions were meeting at Sten-

The ten premier division clubs have written to the other 30 clubs, saying that if the breakaway league is not formed now, it would happen in two years' time anyway. Bill Hunter, the Livingston chairman and representative "We have been making progress in discussions over

group could put that in eopardy." Mikael Andersson is set to play for Dundee United on Sunday in the Coca-Cola Cup final and then return home to Sweden. The midfield player's contract ends on Monday and no new deal has been agreed

with his club, Orebro.

letter from the breakaway

the past two weeks, but this

a rival consortium. ☐ The England under-15 team opened its international season in style with a 4-2 win

SPORT IN BRIEF City board

case for tobacco tax BIRMINGHAM City's board

of directors eased the pressure on the club's manager. Trevor Francis, by issuing a statement supporting him yesterday. The Nationwide League Sport, yesterday called for some of the £10 billion that the Government takes first division club have taken 22 points from their last 19 league matches this season. from tax on tobacco to be diverted into sport (John but the board insisted that Francis was under "no imme-It's only fair to give the manager time to do the job he was brought in to do," David tobacco sponsorship to

find new backers. Gold, the Birmingham chairman, said. "Of course, we are concerned with recent results, Council of Physical but we believe that the team is playing well and that it is only matter of time before the Birmingham have had three managers since our take-over. We do not want to be known as a sacking club. Let's all get behind Trevor." Dennis Bergkamp, the Arsenal striker, is one of five leading candidates for the Fifa

when the Conservative Government allowed 2.5 per cent of its tax on the football pools to be stadiums after the Hillsborough disaster.

January 12. Ronaldo, the Brazil and Internazionale forward who won the award last year while at Barcelona, is also among the front-runners, as are his competriot, Roberto Carlos, and the Spaniard, Raul (both Real Madrid), along with the Frenchman. Zinedine Zidane (Juventus).

Maine Road could be turned into a tram terminus if a prospective takeover of Manchester City succeeds. The club's board will meet in a week to discuss proposals for a move to the planned Commonwealth Games stadium at Eastlands.

player-of-the-year award.

which will be announced on

The present board favours keeping Maine Road intact and renting it for rugby union, rugby league and various events, including rock concerts. But Metrolink, the company that built the city's tram system, has already viewed the site as a possible new station to serve the south of the city. If board members change their mind, or a new regime wins control, the ground

might be sold.

The City chairman, Francis
Lee, and chief shareholder. Stephen Boler, have denied that there might be a significant transfer of shares in the speculation that shareholders, unhappy with the club's poor showing, are planning to form

against Belgium in Brussels yesterday. Smart Parnaby, from the Football Association's national school, Jay Boothroyd (two) and Ashley Dodd, of Stafford, scored the England goals.

Banks puts

Tony Banks, the Minister for Goodbody writes). Banks was speaking on the day after the Prime Minister promised to help those sports that will be affected by the ban on

Banks told the annua conference of the Central Recreation in Daventry: "I think that there is a good case for some of the money from tax on tobacco to go to sport." He cited the precedent of March 1990. diverted for the rebuilding of

Wigan woe

III MUNISY LEAGUE: Plans by Wigan Warriors to share fringe players with Orrell rugby union club could come to nothing after it was revealed that the Alliance reserve team competition may not, after all, be scrapped. The Rughy League council's decision to make entry to the Alliance competition optional for chairs was based on an apparent misunderstanding and the council is to discuss compulsory participation.

London Broncos have signed two players from the defunct Perth Reds clubs. Chris Ryan, a goalkicking centre, and Darren Higgins, a forward

Jansher out

E squass Jansher Khan, the world No I. crashed out of the Oatar international tournament yesterday. Janaher, seven times the world champion and a five-time winner of the Oatan event, was suffering from rousilitis and lost to 15-14, 15-6, 15-2 in the semi-

Best deal

RUGEY UNION: Dick Best, the former England coach, has reached a private settlement with Harlequins over his claim for unfair dismissal. His case was due to be heard at an industrial tribunel in Croydon yesterday.

SNOOKER

Stevens displays growing authority

EXHIBITING the growing maturity of his game this season. Matthew Stevens built a commanding 7-I lead over Martin Dziewialtowski in the quarter-finals of the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom Championship at Preston

vesterday. Stevens, confident after reaching the semi-finals of the Grand Prix last month, had defeated Mark Williams, the world No 4. 9-1 in the previous round, but his performance against Dziewialtowski was of even higher quality. The 20-year-old from Camarthen

constructed breaks of 121 and 100 to win swiftly the first two frames and Dziewialtowski, who expended much mental energy when beating Dean Reynolds 97 last Tuesday.

With Stevens cueing incisively, and his opponent making unforced errors, the score reached 6-0 before

who has already exceeded expectations, replied, winning the seventh frame and compiling a break of 65 in the next. Stevens then made an outstand-

ing clearance of 66 to steal the frame on the black for 7-1, and needs to win only two of the scheduled nine frames today. The winner will meet Alan McManus or Stephen Hendry, the title-

points during a 5-0 whitewash at the hands of John Higgins in the Grand Prix, was exposed to another embarrassment in front of the television cameras by Stephen

snooker early in the fifth after Lee

potted the initial red and rolled the Dziewialtowski, the world No II6, cue ball in behind the green. With the 14 remaining reds lanned out. King should have had no problem making contact.

cushion escape route, he missed the lone red targeted and John Newton, the referee, had no choice but

Mark King, who scored a mere II ed 12 times and King eventually conceded 48 penalty points to set another unwanted record for a televised match.

Having lost the first four frames, King found himself trapped in a But, choosing a difficult two-

Leyton Orient i-0 at Brisbane

Road, Junior Lewis scoring

the only goal of the game.

The night's other drama was at Turf Moor, where

Burnley, of the second divi-

sion and beaten finalists in

1962, were humbled 3-0 by Rotherham, of the third divi-

sion. Jason White, Trevor

Berry and Darren Gamer

scored to leave Chris Waddle,

the manager, to concentrate of

keeping Burnley clear of rele-

gation for the rest of the

to call a "miss". Lee exercised his right to have the white replaced in its original position. This sequence was repeat-

Ronnie O'Sullivan is expected to prove too strong for Gerard Greene when their quarter-final gets under way today, but believes only a sharp improvement in form will enable him to repeat his UK

triumph of 1993. O'Sullivan's per-ception that he is out of form, however misguided it may be, has led him to concentrate intensely. When I'm playing well I can toy with people, but, so far, every match has been a battle. That's why I've got to be mentally ready,"

This new-found respect for opponents has manifested itself in a lessaggressive shot-selection policy and the abandonment of an ambidextrous approach. "That was just a silly phase. I'll try anything once, but it didn't work," O'Sullivan said.

Should he continue to play exclusively right-handed, and re-sist the temptation to become overadventurous, it is hard to imagine O'Sullivan being troubled by Greene, the world No 62, who has never previously reached the quarter-finals of a world-ranking CRICKET

Sidhu shines between showers

INDIA finished a curtailed opening day of the second Test against Srl Lanka in Nagpur in a good position, despite the loss of an early wicket Rain and bad light combined with inefficient drying methods at the Vidarbha Cricket Association stadium, allowed only 41 overs from which India made 133 for one after Sachin Tendulkar

had won the toss. Navjot Sidhu and Rahul Dravid added 118 for the second wicket after Nayan Mongia, pressed into service as a makeshift opening batsman, had fallen with the score

Sidhu, who made 131 in the drawn first Test in Mohali last week, was again in fine form and has so far hit ten fours in 64. In addition, he clubbed a massive six to long-on off the bowling of Muttiah Muralitharan.

Dravid, who has made 47, has

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hit six fours. He was particularly severe on the gentle medium pace of Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, straight driving him to the boundary when he overpitched and then finding the fence again with a rasping square

Play was interrupted for the first time after only one over had been bowled. On the resumption, after a 15-minute delay, Mongia cut a ball from Ravindra Pushpakumara straight to Muralitharan at point. There were two further breaks for bad light in the morning session. which ended 45 minutes early with India 23 for one.

Heavy rain during lunch meant the loss of the whole afternoon session, allowing the umpires, Cyril Mitchley and V. K. Ramaswamy to extend play by an

India made one change, bringing in a third spinner, the left-armer Nilesh Kulkarni, in place of Debashish Mohanty. Sri Lanka's two changes were both in the attack, left-arm spinner Jayantha Silva being preferred to Kumara Dharmasena and Pushpakumara coming in for Sajeewa de Silva.

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A Kumble, J Striett, R K Chauhan, A P Kunnville
and N Kulkami to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-15.

BOWLING: Veas: 11-2-21-0; Pustipelumera 8-0-34-1; Silve 8-2-29-0; Muralitheram 9-0-37-0; Ranaturiga 1-0-8-0; Jayasunya 4-2-2-0
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From America. Advanced medicine for pain Nothing is proven to work better for headaches John Hopkins watches the final scramble for Tour places

Card school gamblers learn fate

aking up. o rain fell in south-ern Spain yesterday morning. sun appeared above the rocky mountains that stand guard over Marbella and the Costa del Splash once more resembled the Costa del Sol. This enabled the 1997 PGA European Tour qualifying school tournament, which became one of the world's most bizarre golf events, to end seven days and 72 holes instead of six days and 108 holes after it had

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The qualifying school always throws up a share of hard-luck stories, triumphant moments and bizarre foot-notes to golf's lore but this year's took the biscuit. Darren Prosser, for example, took 50 hours to play a round, during which he had four different partners. The first four places the tournament were known 24 hours before the event finished. At the precise moment the last ball was. struck, the winner, Chris van der Velde, a Dutchman brought up in the United States, was at home in Voorhout, ten miles north of The Hague, preparing to celebrate an American festival -

Thanksgiving.
There were 30 golfers who had not played 72 holes when the tournament was reduced from five rounds to four on Tuesday afternoon. Their task yesterday was to complete their rounds as best they could in order to try to get a card to compete on the European Tour next year or if not that then to play on the Challenge Tour. Almost every match, therefore, had the potential for triumphs and disasters.

When play started at midday, Jesus Arruti, for example, was on the 18th tee needing to birdie that hole to get his card. A savage lunge, four more strokes and Arruti's chance had gone. Prosser's disappeared over the inward nine, too. He had to play them in 33; three under par, but took 37. "I am bitterly disappointed," Prosser said. It was his third time at the school but not, sadly, third time lucky.

Johan Rystrom stopped on Tuesday with his ball in a bunker 20 metres from the 9th green. He was level par at that stage and needed to finish no worse than that. So he had to spend nearly 24 hours with the spectre of a difficult sand shot from a downhill, damp lie, at the forefront of his mind: How best to spend the time?" I had a bottle of red wine, watched a bad film and tried to sleep and stroke," said the placid Swede who does Damian Hirst-like the sixth year in a row. He with his life.



Derksen, of Holland, one of the 43 qualifiers, has a foot on the fairway that can lead to fame and fortune

paintings in his spare time. It worked. In front of a knot of appreciative fellow-countrymen Jystrom parred that hole and played the remaining holes in one under par. It was

a courageous display.
"This was my last chance,"
Rystrom, 33, said. "I had fold myself that if I didn't get a card this year I would quit golf. I

Paco Cea, 23, from Malaga, holed a two-foot putt on the 18th to complete an outstanding round at a time of maximum bressure! He covered his last six boles in three under

Tom Gillis, 29, from Orion, מו בשוופנו ובו מו the US Tour two weeks ago for ming and was lucky to escape

climbed on a plane to Spain to try his tuck on another continent. When he was seven over par after 45 holes, it looked as though the £5,000 he had spent on flights and accommodation was wasted. Somehow, though, he played the next 27 holes in eight under par. Result? One happy American. "This is a dream come true for

me." Gillis said. For all those as happy as Gillis, there were more who want never to have to experience an event such as this again. None more so than Alberto Binaghi, who finished 69th out of the field of 158. Not much cause for celebration there, except that on Monday

DETAILS FROM QUALIFYING SCHOOL

280: C van der Veide (Holl) 72, 68, 71, 69; F Henge (Swe) 68, 75, 66, 71; R-J Derksen (Holl) 76, 66, 67, 71; P Golding 71, 68, 70,

283; D Thorison 71, 70, 74, 68; O Eliasson (Swe) 73, 68, 73, 69; G Owen 70, 76, 67, 70; A Stotz (Aus) 72, 67, 70, 74

71, 75, 66, 73, J Remesy (Fr) 72, 72, 68, 73; A Beal 69, 71, 70, 75 25, 05, 73; A Beal 69, 71, 70, 75 286: S Alker (NZ) 76, 69, 72, 69; G Nicklaus (US) 69, 73, 75, 69; M Moline (Arg) 69, 77, 69, 71; M Davis 69, 70, 75, 72; D Higgins 71, 72, 70, 73; J Rask (Swe) 72, 68, 71, 75; P Linhart (Sp) 73, 67, 71, 75

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287; J Rystrom (Swe) 75, 74, 68, 70; M Booth 74, 73, 71, 69; G Hutcheon 75, 72, 70, 70; C Clark 74, 71, 72, 70; J Bickerton 75, 68, 74, 70; R Coughtan 71, 73, 71, 72, R Lee 74, 71, 68, 74; G Furey 72, 68, 72, 75; D Cole (Aus.) 67, 72, 73, 75

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RUGBY UNION

New Zealand choose to reunite partnership

ed return to the New Zealand team to meet Wales at Wembley on Saturday ensures that a tried and trusted midfield partnership, which has served the All Blacks well for the best part of five years, is reunited. Little is the one change announced yesterday from the side that beat England at Old Trafford. He replaces Alama eremia and will link up with

Frank Bunce. Little returns for his 45th cap, 15 months after his last against South Africa in Johannesburg. By coincidence that was also New Zealand's last defeat, a match in which Little sustained a serious knee injury that kept him out for four months. "it's great getting the jersey back and linking up again with Frank," Little said.

The shadow of Sean Fitzpatrick also looms large over the game. After playing the final 20 minutes against the Eng-lish Rugby Partnership (ERP) XV in Bristol on Tuesday, in which he made an immediate impact, Fitzpatrick has been named as a replacement against Wales. If all goes well he would make an emotional farewell against England at Twickenham on Saturday

Only last week Fitzpatrick was talking of not playing on this tour and even of the possibility of retirement because of a knee injury. "The

able over the last few days," he said yesterday after a demanding training session in Bristol before the squad travelled to London for tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace. "I have had no ill effects after last night and I gave it a good work out this

John Hart, the All Black coach, was delighted to draft his captain and icon back into contention once Fitzpatrick had declared himself available. "He certainly made a big difference when he came on. You can't have the best captain and hooker in the world not adding to morale when he comes on," Hart said.

The decision to drop leremia had not been easy, Hart said, and had not been



by Wales of Allan Bateman with Scott Gibbs, although that is a combination Hart respects. "Wales have got the best back line we will face," he said. "So far some of the England sides have lacked skill in their ability to utilise possession. That is not the

case with Wales." Hart was less than happy with the All Blacks performance against the ERP XV, which he attributed largely to Robert Davies's refereeing of the lineout, but also to a growing familiarity in Britain

with this touring party.

The lineout was a shambles," he said. "It was a free for all down to refereeing interpretations. People were being taken out right through. Tours always get more difficult, but the way the last couple of games have gone it has been

quite good for us." New Zealand's only other injury concern is Zinzan Brooke. The No 8 took a limited part in training yesterday and a final decision on his firmess will be taken tomorrow morning. Todd Blackadder is

NEW ZEALAND: C Cullen (Hanswar), J Wilson (Otago), F Burice (North Harbour), W Little (North Harbour), J Lornu (Courties,

Robinson sets festive tone

Cambridge University .. 31 Steele-Bodger's XV...... 60

BY MICHAEL AYLWIN

THE annual match between Cambridge University and Steele-Bodger's XV is a rousing excuse for old friends to enjoy an early start to the festive season. This year, however, the festivities carried an added edge, it being the 50th time that erstwhile Cambridge captain and England international, Micky Steele-Bodger, has assembled an invitation team to belp his former university to prepare for the Varsity match against Oxford in early December.

The players duly obliged by serving up a cocktail of festival rugby. A liberal helping of 15 tries fuelled the atmosphere of goodwill, the invitation internationals, providing ten of them.

The defences of both teams were generous, particularly that of Cambridge. Such philanthropy, however, is unlikely to be so evident against Oxford on Tuesday week, but neither will the abandon with which they endeavoured to run the ball.

Mark Robinson set the tone in the fourth minute as he accepted Goldsmith's inside pass to sprint home from the halfway line for the game's opening score. Robinson was rominent in a fluent Cambridge midfield, but his withdrawal at half-time had a disruptive effect, and the invitation team pulled away in the second half.

Nevertheless, Cambridge's performance in attack further contributed to what has been an impressive build-up to the Varsity match.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries; Robinson 2 (4, 33), Lipplett (10), Hall (30), Bullock (S8), Conversionet Lappier 3, M Pt Steets-Bodger's XV: Triest Scrivener 2 (13, 63), Jones (18), penalty try (24), P Conteporn (38), Wingham (40), Pichot (50),

(3) Conversions: Howard 3, Pichot 2 SCORING SEQUENCE (Cambridge University first): 7-0, 12-0, 12-5, 12-10, 12-17, 18-17, 24-17, 24-22, 24-29 first-time), 24-36, 24-41, 31-41, 31-48, 31-63, 31-60

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FOR THE RECORD

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ome Cup: CEGS Backburn 5 Fung a. Chester 0.

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DESCRIGH INSURANCE MEDIAND CONBINATION: Premier division: Colog-int 3 Welsebourse 0.

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FIXTURES

FOOTBALL European Cup Chempions' League Group A Borussie Dortmund v Galatasaray (7.45) Parma v Sparta Prague (7.45)

Manchester Utd v FC Kosice (7.45) Group C Dynamo Klev v PSV Eindhoven (7.45) . Group D

Group B

DR MARTIENS CUP: Second round: Chousester v Newport AFC
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OUEEN'S CLUB: Biddeh Land British Open: Men: Finelin Singles: C Bray (GB) bit R Fehry (Aust 5-5, 6-0, 8-4, Doublas: J Snow (GB) and J Mele (GB) bit Fehrey and M Gooding (GB) 6-4, 6-3, 8-5.

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cumbridge University 31 M R Steele-Bodger's XV 60; Metropoline Police 20 Royal Australian Navy 6 TOUR MATCHE English Rugby Partnership 11 New Zeelend XV 18 (at Ashlon Gaze. Bristol, UNDER-21 REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Miclanda 16 New Zaaland 8 (at Frankline Micronia to New Zeland 8 (a Prantant, Gardens, Northampton). SCHOOLS MATCHES: Microses: Schools Under-18 Cutz: Final: Lalymer Upper 31 Richmond 0 Office matches: Stove 17 Pargitourne 23; The Leys 57 Hills Road 0; KCS Wimbeldon 13 Teinly 0; Stockport 9 Celefram 14

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PRESTON: Liverpool Victoria LIK Championship: Fourth round: R O'Sulfiver (Engl. 6t & Wildman (Engl. 6t & Wildman (Engl. 9-4; M Dziwnishosski (Soch) to D Reynolds (Engl. 9-7. Cuarterfrails: M Stavers (Wales) legds Oziawishowski 7-1; S Lee (Eng.) leads M King (Eng.) 6-2.

SQUASH

DOMA: Conter Informationus: Observe-finals: Jameline: Mann (Pub) et G. Ryding (Con) 15-14, 15-11, 15-11; J. Power (Cen) et A. Sraktana (Egypt) 15-11, 15-7, 15-10; R. Eyles (Aun) et C. Walker (Eng) 9-15, 15-10; [7-14, 15-2; P. Niccol (Scot) et J. Bornete (Fr) 15-3, 15-10, 8-15, 15-6, Serni-finals: Power et J. Jameline: 15-14, 15-6, 15-2; Niccol et Eyles: 17-16, 15-7, 16-10.

BURISANIC, California: Health South USTA men's tournement: Flet round; S Singaan (Amr) bi P Tenhacch (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; 17 Larichem (Aus) bi G Sean (US) 6-7, 6-4; 6-0; C Vinck (Car) bit D Venno; (Yug) 5-2, 6-2; M Simter (Ger) bit C Marriti (US) 6-4, 6-4; J Salzensten (US) bit M Patchey (SS) 6-2, 6-2, A-Agassi (US) bit R Abendoon (US) 6-2, 6-1; D Nester (Car) bi J-M Gambia (US) 6-2, 6-4; B MedPrite (US) bit S Landau (Car) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4.

HTTLEWOODS: November 16, 18; Treble chance: 24gts \$2,453.90, 23 £64.05, 22 £5.00, 21 £1.00. held-time result: 22gts £1.874.85. November 22; Treble chance: 24gts £1.874.85. November 22; Treble chance: 24gts £1.874.85. November 22; Treble chance: 24gts £15,306.10. Four chance: £1.55. Nine homes: £940.35. Plea serger: £24.60. YERNONE: Treble chance: 24gts £34.2, 23 £32.85, 22 £3.75. Super shots: £85. Provider 10: £27.80. Four chance: £102.00, 23 £7.15, 22 £0.35. Four awayte £2.20. Eight homes: £86. Four dweyte £2.20. Eight homes: £86.85. Four dweyte £2.20. Eight homes: £86.85. Four dweyte £2.20. Eight homes: £86.85. Four dweyte £2.20. Eight homes: £86.85.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

FINAL SCORES

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284: S Bennett 75, 68, 70, 71; J Singh (India) 67, 74, 71, 72; A Sandywell 70, 70, 71, 73 Clapp 73, 71, 71, 70; M Lalaber (Holl) 73, 68, 74, 70; F Howley 71, 72, 71, 71; H Nystrom (Swe)

GOLF

Norman is

hot tip in

Melbourne

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

IN MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE yesterday

sweltered in temperatures of 39C (102.2F), with winds gust-

ing to 20mph — and that suits Greg Norman, the world No 1.

who is defending the Holden Australian Open Champion-

ship, starting at the Metropoli-

tan club today. Norman believes that the

tougher the conditions the better his chances, especially

over the assorted Americans,

Fijians and Britons who have

to acclimatise and learn a new

course, one of the many for

belt are famous.

which this city and its sand-

Yesterday was the hottest

November day in Melbourne

for 86 years. The wind made a

demanding course even more

was that a score of five or six

under par might be enough to

win, a far cry from the 13

under with which Brad Faxon, of the United States,

The United States challenge

will be led by Mark Calcavecchia, who won the

Sarazen World Open this month, and Phil Mickelson, the left-hander. Mickelson loves this course. "It's one of

the best," he said. "It requires

all different types of shots, the

fairways are tight and I love

the architecture around the

Other leading contenders are Robert Allenby, champion

in 1994, Vijay Singh, the World Matchplay champion,

Lee Westwood, of Britain, and

Andrew Coltart, his prospec-

tive brother-in-law, who won the Australian PGA Champ-

ionship in Sydney last

Darren Clarke, the Europe

No 4, but without a win this

season, has a last chance to

change that. The Irishman

has been well backed, but

Norman is the overwhelming

Sunday.

won the title here in 1993.

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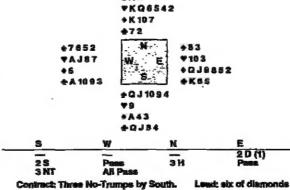
SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge correspondent

Before the Cavendish Pairs (the annual American big-money Pairs event) there is a team event. Traditionally this has been no more than an appetiser for the pairs, but with the move to Las Vegas this year it took on a new significance, as all the New York players who came down for one event played in the other as well. This year the auction pot was \$180,000 and with the player pool at over \$30,000 the winners could be taking home over \$65,000. As expected, the Italy team that won the European championship a month later was the heavy favourite. Here is a hand from

Game all

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(1) Weak Two American expert Ishmael Lair When East had a weak Two (West) won with the ace and Diamond bid available it was

not easy for North-South to reach a sensible spot, but Three No-Trumps reached by South (after the aggressive overcall of Two Spades) looked a reasonable contract. However, the six of diamonds lead scrambled the declarer's entries a little. Declarer took the king of

Dealer East

diamonds, unblocked the the jack. At one table the

spades, and played a club to

OUIZZEE . a. A television panellist b. A sailor's pigtail

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found the dynamic defence of cashing the ace of hearts before exiting with a spade. Declarer could cash his spades but East came down to three diamonds and two clubs, and declarer was endplayed in his hand and had to concede three more tricks for down

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Priday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

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OCTOPUSH a. An eight-man bobsleigh b. A baby octopus c. Underwater hockey

c. An interrogative particle

RYOKAN a. A fish b. Embroidery with string c. A hostelry OSCAN a. Radio blind

c. Highland Gaelic Answers on page 46

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

BY RAYMOND KEENE

London tournament In the past, London has been

the setting for many important tournaments. Indeed, the first ever international chess tournament was held at London in 1851. Other notable chess tournaments in London were 1883, 1899, 1927 and the GLC/Phillips and Drew series from 1980 to 1986 and the Watson, Farley & Williams series from 1988 to 1991.

Although London cannot currently boast an international tournament of similar calihre, the recent category ten tournament did contain some of the UK's brightest hopes. Today I give two more games from the latest event to be staged in London. White: Neil McDonald Black: Luke McShane London, October 1997

Sicilian Defence 17. Bd5 18 Oxo6

22 Nc7 Black resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h White: Matthew Turner Black: Bogdan Lalic London, October 1997 **English Opening**

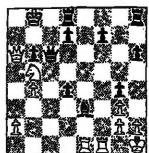
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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is a

variation from the game Speelman
— Steam, London 1980. White has a strong queenside attack, but his rooks are, currently at least, not playing a full role. How could Speelman have remedied this problem with decisive



Unusual remedies that turn convention on its head

Sport in search of miracle cure



n sport, the really dangerous opponent, the one who can stop you in your tracks forever, is injury. And the lengths to which sportsmen will go to avoid getting hurt or find a cure for aches, pains and pulls are amazing. No regime is too eccentric, no treatment too unconventional.

Take one of the most surprising sports news items of the week - the report that two New Zealanders won a 3,000mile transatlantic rowing race in 41 days. It was alarming not just because of their speed they knocked 32 days off the record - but because of the revelation that they rowed most of the way naked.

Phil Stubbs, a policeman and lifeguard rower, explained that he and his teammate. Rob Hamill. "had a lot of problems with chaling and sores during four-day rows in

"We experimented with seats and tried rowing shorts with sheepskin pads in them." he said, "but, in 35 degrees of heat, that's a bit like wearing a sheepskin nappy. So we just put the sheepskins on the seats and rowed naked except for gloves. Our fingers are a bit numb, but apart from that we're still very fit."

In a bid to keep very fit, other sportsmen have tried iust about everything from faith healers to seaweed baths. In football, faith healers have spirited their way into the game at the very highest level, with players and coaches such as Glenn Hoddle, Ian Wright and Bryan Robson all consulting healers, or referring other people to them.

Gary Lineker used acupuncturists for his hamstrings. while Tony Adams has said that he would opt for the magic of alternative medicine rather than submit himself again to the surgeon's knife.

When Eric Cantona played for Manchester United, he took herbal baths and aromatherapy, with visits to The Medicine Shop and Clinic in Alderley Edge before every



Stubbs and Hamill found an unconventional solution to chafing during their row, before celebrating in Barbados, right

The champions of strange cures come from many sports. Leonard Walters, the former international athlete, who ran the 400 metres for Great Britain between 1967 and 1972, said that he was crocked by knee problems until he discovered coral calcium.

"I tried all known remedies with no success," he said. "I was virtually living on antiinflammatory medication.

Then I met a Norwegian doctor, who suggested coral calcium. I was sceptical, but willing to try anything. I started taking granules in my drinks and, after three or four weeks, the pain began to subside. Now, incredibly, I can play tennis, golf and run every day without even a knee

Coral calcium is collected from a reef around a couple of Japanese islands that boast the oldest and healthiest people in Japan. Similar claims are made for all sorts of potions and appliances.

One man who knows all about injuries, to man and animals, is Billy Wilson. He runs a horse sanctuary near Wolverhampton and, for exercise, has completed five London Marathons. He recorded his fastest time while running as the back end of a pantomime horse.

This week, he sent me a powerful magnet on a wrist strap. "Put this on and stand back for fireworks in your running," he instructed. "All geing pains will vanish and I firmly believe that if the frontrunners in this year's Flora London Marathon wear them, we will see a world record

The device is called the Bioflow and uses a magnetic field "to put a charge into the bloodstream, encouraging the blood to accept more oxygen



Cantona herbal help

Chris Brasher, the Olympic gold medal-winner and founder of the London Marathen, is one of those who has strapped on a Bioflow and cast aside his knee braces - but he did find himself suffering from one unusual side-effect. While taking part in a com-bined sailing and long-distance running competition, the Universal 500, as part of a crew skippered by Sir Robin Knox Johnston, he had something of a crisis of self-confidence when he found his legendary navigational skills deserted him and he got lost in

the dark on the cliffs of Dorset. It was only after he had discarded three compasses and had a row with the manufacturers that he realised that a powerful magnet on your wrist may do wonders for your knees, but plays hell with your compass.

Perhaps Brasher should try an even more unlikely therapy being pioneered in the United States. There, George Straznitskas has apparently fixed his knees using WD40 - the universal lubricant found lurking in tool kits and ga-rages in its familiar blue and yellow spray can. Straznitskas, who, as a run-

ner, once qualified for the United States Olympic marathon trials at the age of 36, said that he heard of someone using WD40 "spray therapy" for pain and tried it on a knee that had hobbled him for three

seemed to be less pain," he reported. "I had been taking six to eight 200mg tablets of Ibuprofen daily, but after a week I felt so good that I stopped taking any at all."

fter a month, he said: "I spray the knee with a light mist three times a day and average one or two tablets of Ibuprofen daily. My daily run (four to six miles) is better than at any time in the past three

Who can tell what other magic lurks in the dark recesses behind the logos of those sports bags? For these days, when it comes to keeping on the right side of that very thin line that separates peak fitness from injury and breakdown. whether it is WD40, sheepskin or magnets, sportsmen need all the help they can get.

JOHN BRYANT

TELEVISION CHOICE

In praise of hypnotherapy

Natural Born Healers

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Tonight's complementary medicine is hypnotherapy and we watch it being practised on Eric Hirech, a 46-year-old catering manager who has long suffered from the painful disease of irritable howel syndrome. Conventional treatments have failed to ease the problem but Hirech's GP is still wary about referring him to the hypnotherapy unit at a Manchester hospital. Here Dr Peter Whorwell, no quack but a trained consultant, leads a team of therapists and claims consultant, leads a tearn of the apists and claims that 75 per cent of his patients get better. The key to the treatment (nobody pretends it is a cure) is teaching the patient ways of controlling his condition. We follow Hirech through 12 sessions over three months, at a cost of £660. He is pleased with result, though there may be dangers in

United Tastes of America

The surprise about Dorinda Hainer's series on American food it that it has taken her until episode Anterican food if that it has taken ner trinil episode five to cover the Jewish influence. There are, after all, more Jewish in New York alone than anywhere clse, not earlinding Israel. Arriving in their thousands from central and eastern Europe towards the end of the last century and the start of this, they have contributed hugely to the national cuisine. From sampling pastrami sandwiches at Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side, Hafner makes her beginning the sampling to the Hasidic. her bosterous way across town to the Hasidic community, distinguished by their beards, wigs (for the women) and adherence to strictly kosher rules. For those wanting to try the recipes the show moves much too fast and is too short on detail, though this may be to boost sales of the tie in book.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Britons who have made their home in Australia provide a lively theme for a series by Brian Hill, who was responsible for that unforgettable look at a Home Counties golf club. Hill's first group of expats offer contrasting views of their adopted country. Simon Collins is an advertising man, once with Saatchis, who has settled easily into the



Advertising man Simon Collins (C4 9pm)

Aussie way of life. We find him shooting a commercial for Australian cheese and becoming a father. Jackie and John, on the other hand, are the ultimate whingeing Poms. They dislike almost everything about Australia, from blue skies to barbecued food, and cannot wait to get back to their native Liverpool. Rowan Ayers, once with the BBC, came out 22 years ago and admits he is stuck, an "economic prisoner". But he still pines for Chiswick High Street, especially when he is doing the washing up.

Scare Stories: Running on Empty BBCZ, 9.25pm

In the late 1960s and early 1970s there was no shortage of gloomy predictions that the world's stocks of oil, natural gas and essential metals were running out and that industrial society faced collapse. The second film in this mind-stretching series examines these gloomy predictions and the credentials of the people behind them and attempts to explain why, by and large, they have failed to come true. At the time the arguments seemed plausible enough. Helped by a receptive media, the ideas of campaigning groups such as Friends of the Earth became the new orthodoxy. The oil crisis of 1973 seemed to prove the pessimists right. But the worry over oil now is about pollution, not availability. Some doortwatchers admit they got it wrong. Others insist they will be yet be proved. wrong. Others insist they will be yet be proved right. Peter Waymark

Smokey Robinson's Soul Selection Radio 2, 9.00pm

The man who turned down the Beatles has near-The man who turned down the Beatles has hearlegendary status in popular music but early in this,
the first of a series on soul music, we discover the
man who turned down Smokey Robinson and the
Miracles. Robinson recalls a record company
executive saying that "there is already a group with
a guy singing high and a girl in the group so we
would never make it". That group was The Planters
so one can see the record producer's point, though
be must have been chewing his knuckles for years he must have been chewing his knuckles for years thereafter. Robinson introduces these programmes with great panache and a lightness of touch that sits well with the music, which is interspersed with anecdotes from Robinson's long career as one of

RADIO 1

the great figures of soul.

6.30em Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.80 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whley, Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Raddoffle 4.00 Deve Pearce 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 Mystery Presenter 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs Movie Update 8.40 Mystery Presenter 10.30 Mary Anne Ho 12,00 Blue Jam 1.00am Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyes

6.00mm Alex Leater 7.30 Wales Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 British Country Music Awards. Highlights sus John Dunn 7,60 British Country Music Awards. Highlights from this year's event held recently in Birmingham 6,00 Paul Jones 9,00 Smelsey Robinson's Soul Selection, See Choice 9,30. The Russ Abbot Snow 19,00 The Cornedy Cutz 19,30 Filchard Alfinson 12,05em Sleve Medden 3,00 John Terrett-

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5.00mm Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evene 10.00 (FMI) Robin Banks (AMI) Grahem Dene 1.00pm (FMI) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FMI) Paul Coyte (AMI) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.90em Paul Ross and Carol McCiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00em Isn Collins

Evening Concert Classic FM, 8.00pm

Classic can always be relied upon to mark any anniversary that offers an excuse to play some modern music, and who can blame them? Tonight's concert marks Thanksgiving Day in the United States and part of the interest centres on the fact that it showcases two composers as conductors. Leonard Berustein conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in a performance of his overture Candide and Aaron Copland conducts a performance of his third symphony by the New Philharmonia Orchestra. And the climax of the evening, almost inevitably, is Sousa's Stars and Stripes, the least imposing work on the programme, performed by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

WORLD SERVICE

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6.00mm Nick Belley, including Morning March and Bresidast Beroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Michael Benry's Classic Recipe is French vegetable soup. Plus, the Classic Mesterpiece 1.00pm Listener Request Hour. Presented by Jene Jones 2.00 Concerto. Ravel (Plano Concerto in G) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newinght with John Bruming 7.30 Sonata. Beethoven (Horn Sonata in F) 8.00 Evening Concert. See Choice, includes Bernstein (Overture Candide); Gerstwin (Plano Concerto in F). Barber (Knosvite, Surraner of 1915); Coptand (Symphony No 3); Sousa. (The Stare and Stripes Forever) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00mm Concerto (f) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

6.80am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
Mozart (Horn Concerto in E flat): Shostalovich
(Plano Concerto No 2): Messenet (Meditation,
Thais): Bach, reconstr Standage (Concerto In D
for three violins): Saint-Saāns (Menthe Héroique);
Barber (Violin Concerto)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Dvolidi.
(Overture My Home): Adam (Mes amis, Ecoutez,
Le Poetilion de Longiemesu): Saint-Saāns (Sulte);
Thomas (Elle Ne Croyalt Pas, Mignori); Listi
(Transcendental Studies Nos 5-8)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mary Miller. Rubinstein.
(Barcarolle): Morteverd (Duo Seraphim, Vespert);
Shostalovich (Symphony No 1); Alasciair Nicolson
(The Isle is Full of Noises); Bach (Cartata No 147;
Herz und Mund): Haldim (Hymne de l'Universe);
Vivaldi (Trio Sonate in D minor, La Folia)

12,00 Composer of the Weelc Massenet
1.00pm The Operatic Year, Hugh Carning and
Andrew Clements discuss some of the best CD
opera issues of the year with Michael Oliver.
Including Angele Gheorghiu and Roberto Alagna,
and Die Vidnet, by Walter Braunfes, with Hellen

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2.00 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Philhermonic under Yan Pascal Torteller, with Cocile Ousset, plano. Bridge (Suite The Sea); Saint-Sains (Piano Concero No 2 in G minor); Britten (Passacaglia, Peter Grimes); Brussel, Gwannhow, No 3).

4.00 Ememble. Penny Gore presents a recital by the planists Artur Pizarro and Stephen Coomins. Mozart (Sonata in D); Seint-Seans (Variations on a Thems of Seethown) (r)

4.45 Music Machine, with 1 formry Pearson

5.00 In Tone Today's guest is the Cuben-American guitarist Manuel Berrueco. Music includes Dowland, Dvofák and Dellus's A Song of Summer, conducted by St. John Barbirolli

7.30 Performance on 3. BBC National Orchestra of Wates under Tadeald Otales, with John Lill, piano. Glazurov (Symphony No 5 in B flat); Tcheikovsky (Plano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor); Elgar (Enigms Variations)

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(Plano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor); Elgar (Enigms Variations)

Designs for Living (Sounding the Century). Susan Marling visits Le Corbusier's Marselfe Unité d'Habitation (4/5)

An Elester Song, More Hungerian folk songs arranged by Gyorgy Ligeti

Nikuste Restored. The second performance from Radio 3's day of invitation concerts at the Royal Academy of Music celebrating the musical life of late 18th-century London. Includes songs by Stephen Storace and William Shield, and harp solos by Jean-Baptiste Krumpholz and Jan Ladislav Dussek

10.45 Night Waves. Hermione Lee talks to Peter Brook about his acclaimed production of Beckett's Oh Les Beaux Jours (Happy Deys).

11.30 Composer of the Week: Strauss (r)

12.90am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fahrweather 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Maclaod

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Faming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 The Morel Maze, with Michael Buerk 10.00 (FM) News, A Caribbean Mystery, Michael Bakewell's dramatisation of Agatha Christie's classic detective novel (5/5)

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10.00 (LW) Dully Survice

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler

10.30 Women's Hour. To belebrate today's publication of The New Women's Hour Book of Short Stories, Frons Shew reads Clare Boylan's God and Stores

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. News from BBC reporters around the world

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Inspiration. Chris Sturt chairs enother round of the need rearise in which inventions, dispoveries

of the panel game in which inventions, discoveries and design are aubjected to quizzles investigation 12.55 Weather

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thursday Afternoom Play: Long Tisse
Man, by Judy Upton: Three lonely women start
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Higgins. Di Botcher and Lede Hodgson

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The black cornedy written by and starring Steve
Pemberton, Resce Shearsmith, Mark Gattes and

- Jeremy Dyson

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Document My Home, My Land. The story of the events leading up to the partition of Palestine by the UN 50 years ago (4/5)

8.00 Analysis: Who Cares Wins. A look at the new caring, tolerant philosophy of the Conservative Party

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caring, tolerant philosophy of the Conservative Party
8.45 Torrespolance: Beyond the Beaches. Harry Ritchie meets the French proprietress of one of the town's many gay bars and visits a disco where you can drink, dence and swirn until 6am (3/3).
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove 9.30 Kaleidoscope () 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonlight, with Richin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Another Time, Another Piace, by Jesse Kesson. Abridged by Brian McCabe, read by Vicki Masson (4/10)
11.00 Takes of the Bizarre: Jack in the Box. Ray Bradbury Introduces another of his short stories. Dramatised by Brian Soley With Richard Pearce, Ed Bishop and Carolyn Jones (2/6)
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament
11.30 (FW) Othering. The last of the series (r)
12.00 News 12.30m1 The Late Book: Bright Lights, Big City, by Jay McInerney (8/10) (r)
12.46 Shapping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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WORD WATCHING

(c) A traditional Japanese inn or hostelry. The Japanese word for such a place. "The ryokans, country inns, are worth the slight additional expense over Westernised hotels."

influence of cultured Greeks across the bay."

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(c) A game of underwater hockey. From octo(pus) + push. The Times, 1970: "Octopush is a new form of underwater hockey. The game is played by teams of six. The object of the game is to propel or shove! the puck along the bottom of the pool and into the opp [sc. a classic Times typo for 'goal']."

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(a) A panellist on a radio or television quiz programme. The derivation is plain. "Sheer ignorance about reality (had Mr Livings ever actually watched a TV quizf), and an ideology dependent on sentimentally (children being led past 'surgical booths' indicated the quizzee's deficient life). RYOKAN

(b) Of or pertaining to the Osci (also called Opsci, Opici), a pre-Sabellian people centred on Campania in southern Italy. Also their Italic language. "The Oscan village of Pompeii soon came under the

Tour to be new force in Britain

THE Prudential, the country's biggest insurance company, will sponsor a new 850-mile

international nine-day tour next year. The Pru Tour, from May 23, will start in Stirling and wind down the East Coast of England, across the Pennines, into the Midlands and Wales and then east to Kent, before

finishing on a one-mile circuit in the City of London. Prudential yesterday described the tour, which carries £100,000 prize-money, as "the most ambitious ever staged in Britain". The sponsors, newcomers to cycle racing, plan to

back the tour for at least four

years, at an estimated cost of £4 million.

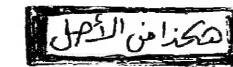
Peter King, chief executive of the British Cycling Federa-tion, described the tour as "good news and big news". Another to welcome it was Chris Boardman, Britain's leading rider, who said he would lead the entry of his

French Gan team in the event. "The race will be ideal for me and the team," he said. "It comes just five weeks before the start of the Tour de France. It couldn't be better. I don't often get the chance these days to ride in the UK."

Prudential have appointed Sport For Television (SFT), organisers of the British stages in the Tour de France, to play a similar role in their event

Precise route details have still to be agreed with police, but all stage starts and finishes are confirmed, and the organisers promise that the route will include regular testing hill climbs. PRU TOUR ROUTE: May 23: String, prologue time trail. May 24: Edinburgh to Newcastie (130 miles). May 25: Gateshead to York (12 miles) May 26: Marchester to Bleckpool (131 miles). May 27: Chester to Nottingham (100 miles). May 28: Birmingham to Cardiff (124 miles). May 28: Birmingham to Cardiff (124 miles). May 30: Chessingham to Medway (100 miles). May 31: London circuit (50 miles).





shares drop warning

Assailed by grisly fascination on three fronts

Files (BBC) is of those science-fiction dramas where you never have to suspend your disbelief. You have to screw it up into a tight ball and launch it from Cape Canaveral. Take last night's episode, Leon-Take last night's episode (Leon-Take last night's episode).

Take last nights and Betts. Betts (Paul McCrane) is and Betts (Paul McCrane) is headless corpse gets. What? what? Gets stolen? Nope. Begins singing Sweet Caroline? Nope, not that either. Gets up and walks out of the begins? of the hospital morgue? Bingo! Next thing you know, Leonard's

itunnel agreemen even got a brand new head on his shoulders. He just grows new ones. He can do this with other ones. He can be body parts, too. So when a security guard catches him up to no good and handcuffs him. Leonard simply tears off his own thumb and

The great thing about The X-slips free. By this time, even Files (BBCI) is that it is one Mulder and Scully are beginning to suspect that there is something umusual about this Betts fellow: forone thing, he definitely died once before, six years ago. Only Bob Monkhouse dies this regularly and still manages to survive.

Not that Scully can swallow

Mulder's wild theory, that: "Betts tore off his thumb because he knew he could grow another one."

Scully: Mulder, it just doesn't work that way. Mulder: But is it unimaginable? Is Betts's ability to regenerate any greater a leap forward than our ancestors's ability to communicate with language

and walk upright?
Scully: But language, evolution. is a series of steps, not leaps. Mulder: Recent evolutionary theory would disagree. What scientists call punctualism or punctual equilibrium. It theorises that evolutionary advances are cataclysmic, not gradual; that evolu-

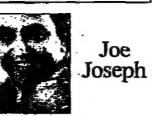
graphable line, but in huge fits and starts. And that the unimaginable happens in between the gaps.

So where is David Attenborough when you need him to fill you in on recent evolutionary theory? Only gambolling in the Arctic! You won't find many stars

trekking to the Arctic just to Wildlife Special on the Polar Bear (BBCI). Certainly not Mich-ael Caine. He admits: "When you have a high standard of living, sometimes you must make a very low standard of movie." But Caine draws the line at the Arctic. "When I open up a script, he once confessed, and it says Nome, Alaska. Our hero is walking in the blinding snow with a dog sled' I close it again. Quickly." But if you want to film polar

bears, you have little choice,

REVIEW



iourney in the first place, producer Martha Holmes, and cameramen, Doug Allan and Martin Saunders, went beyond the call of duty by taking such dramatic underwater footage of polar bears that they have set a daunting benchmark for the other five programmes in this series. "Here, for the first time," said Attenborough in his husky hiss, "is a full picture of that most formidable and massive of hunt-Having bothered to make the

ers." Caine wouldn't have been right for the part, anyway. Polar bears are fun to watch. But

you don't envy them their lifestyle Finding breakfast takes up most of their life. Polar bears will travel thousands of miles across frozen ice in search of a tasty seal pup. Their startling sense of smell means that they can sniff a seal even when it's a kilometre away, and sheltering in an underground lair. The bear creeps the final few yards so as not to alert the pup, then pounds on the ice with his front paws to break and enter the lair. By then the seal pup has usually slunk off into an underground waterway. In human terms this is like walking from London to Aberdeen to buy your groceries only to find, when you get there, that the supermarket has closed down. It's not what you would call much of a life.

As is often the case in Nature,

domestic duties. A female polar bear who has a couple of cubs in tow not only has to find food for all three of them, but also has to steer clear of any males. A large male would happily kill the cubs. Why? Because this would make the female sexually receptive again and he could then ensure that the next generation carries his genes.

t sounds almost as distasteful as Mulder's theories about Betts's regenerating head. But not as distasteful as Billy Butlin. the rags-to-riches holiday camp king, who was the subject of Secret Lives (Channel 4). Butlin said that there were "four things in a man's life - women, money, ambition and power", which showed us two things: that he dearly wasn't a big fan of Twiglets; and that he would probably end his days a rich, greedy, serially married, deceiful, thuggish, knighted, unhappy and unpleasant social climber. He did.

Particularly fascinating was the film footage of life at Butlin's camps in their 1950s heyday (those beauty parades!), along with insider details of life backstage at Skegness, Clacton and Filey.

Many waitresses, it seems, were

prostitutes, who made up their pitiful wages by working flat out: on their backs. No wonder it was Good morning, happy campers".
As for those famous Redcoars, they sweated in pursuit of the coveted Ram's Head trophy of "Redcoat of the Week", which was awarded on points: ten points for the "Holiday Princess"; 15 for the "Giamorous Granny" and 20 points for the general manager's wife. Knickers were needed as verification. So when people told you that being a Redcoat was good training for a future performing

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2.10 Speckers, UK Championship Two quarter-finals. Continues on BBC2 (9105319)

3.30 Funnybones (1881175) 3.35 Playdays (8870006) 3.55 The Silver Brumby (8874824) 4.20 Mr Wyml (9670398) 4.35 Smart (1497737) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5121080) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (9072060)

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7.30 EastEnders Cindy demands access to her children: Simon sees to it that Terry isn't going to live without making a contribution (T) (843)

8.00 Animal Hospital Sharina Lowry joins Inspector Mark Martin on night patrol as he rescues sick and injured animals from the London streets after dark (1) (5027)

8.30 Loving Gaynor prepares to celebrate her father's 80th birthday as her introduces her mates from England to her boyfriend, local walter Andreus (3/6) (1)

9.00 News (1) and weather (6115).3 9.30 Men Behaving Badly: Watching TV. Tony's incessant witticisms during an episode of Star Trek leave him hiding out 10.00 They Think It's All Over Stuart Hell and Suzanne Dando Join regulars Gary Lineker, Lee Hurst, David Gower and Rory McGrath for another round of the

sports outz (T) (28869) 10.30 Clive Anderson All Talk Ronnie Corbett and the former President of South Africa, F.W. de Klerk, are the guests (14749) 11.00 Question Time Discussion from

Labour MP Oone King, the Conservative Liberal Democrats and the columnist Richard Littlejohn (T) (602242)

12.05am Final Verdict (1991) with Treat Williams, Olivia Burnette and Glenn Ford. Fact-based drama chronicling the career of the controversial 1920s defence lawyer, Ead Rogers. Directed by Jack

1.25 Weather (9395683) 1,30 BBC News 24

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Going, Gone (82141027) 2.40 News (3083176) 2.45 Westminster (7740805) 3.30 Snooker: UK Championship Quarterfinal coverage (613553)

6.00 The Whitbread The crews arrive in Fremantie at the end of the second leg

6.30 Hit, Miss or Maybe (464553) 6.45 Snooker Quarter-fine action (934824)

7.30 First Sight: Seeds of Doubt How people are unwittingly being force-fed geneticelly modified food (1) (485) WALES: Just One Chance EAST: Matter of Fact MIDLAND: The Midlanda Report NORTH/NORTH EAST/NORTH WEST/ Southern Eye WEST: West News

B.00 Just One Chance A week in the life of a North London teacher (3669) WALES: Roy Noble on Common Ground 8.30 Top Geer The legendary Lotus 49, and Cold War cars (T) (2176)



Author Michael Allaby (9.25pm)

Scare Stories: Running on. Empty Examining the apocalyptic predict 1960s (T) (267640) dictions made in the

10.15 Expanding Pictures Showcasing short experimental films (656006) 10.30 Newsalght (1) (385466)

11.15 Spooleer (610824) 11,55 Weather (140805) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (32886)

12.30am Learning Zone: The Melding of Germatine Greer (5375480) 12.35 Great CMilisations (1) (9710751) 1.00 Alaska (1) (83683) 1.30 Venice and Antwerp (99732) 2.00 Further Education (76409) 4.00 Film Education (42409) 4.30 Film Education (71848) 5.00 Teacher Training

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6.00mm GMTV (4785824) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1) (5218089)

9.55 Regional News (1) (6735718) 10.00 The Time, the Place (40466) 10.30 This Morning (1) (48004263) 12.20pm Regional News (6906089) 12.30 News (1) and weather (2955027)

12.55 Shortland Street (2930718) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (56343701) 1.50 The Rockford Files (5372244) 2.50 Vanessa: I'll Do Anything to Be Successful (T)

3.20 News (8683737) 3.25 Regional News (1) (8682008)

3.30 Potamus Perk (\$507756) 3.40 Wizadora (189608) 3.50 Kipper (1885922) 4.00 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (†) (9645602) 4.15 Jurnaniji (†) (2367814) 4.40 Zig-a-Zig-Ah: The Spice of Life A look behind the scenes with the Spice Girts as they prepare for their hour-long television special An Aurilance with the Spice Girts as

Lee Sharpe interviews the five and tells the tale of how each little girl grew up to be a Spice Girl (T) (9543737)

5.10 A Country Practice Kate and her father are shocked when Tom arrests Kate's mother (9534911)

5.40 News (1) and weather (273602) 6.00 Home and Away (f) (T) (626517) 6.25 Regional Weather (933008) 6.30 Regional News (1) (517)



7.00 Emmerdale Zak has trouble with a rival busker, Bill tries to talk to an angry Roy; by Sarah (T) (1447)

7.30 Champions' League — Livel Manchester United v FC Kosice Bob Wilson presents coverage from Old Trafford (1) (336992) NB: Subsequent programmes may run late

10.00 News (T) and weather (13737) 10.30 Regional News (776824)

10,40 WALES: Wales This Week (294379) 10.40 in Suspicious Circumstances (r) (T)

11.10 WALES: Showcase '97 (131737) 11.40 Champions' League Highlights Including Barcelona v Newcastle and Manchester United v FC Kosice (786331)

12.40am The LADS (T) (8554577) 1.15 Funny Business (6390480) 1.40 The Loop (r) (5270409)

2.10 Planet Rock Profiles: Simple Minds 2.35 Late and Loud (r) (2813428) 3.30 The Good Sex Guide Late (1) (3770206)

4.25 Sound Bites (40296515) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93319664) 5,00 The Pulse (r) (T) (37916) 5.30 News (20041)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2930718) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9534911)

6.55-7.00 Lifeline (988718) 12.40am Funny Business (6554577)

1.15 Planet Mirth (6390480) 1.40 Rockmania (8302157)

4.25 Central Jobfinder '97 (8150022) 5.20 Asian Eye (9976732)

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As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (6918824) 12.55-1,25 Fashion Police (2930718) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9534911) ==== 6.23 Anglia Weather (934737) 6,25 Anglia News (965138) 6.55-7.00 What's On (988716)

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3.30 Collectors' Lot (905) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (640) 4.30 Movers and Shakers (824)

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7.00 Pobol y Cwm (145176)

9.00 Heller (6089) 11.00 Pommies (64534) 12.00 Disputches (5915864)

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5.59-6.00 Air Watch (771195) 5.25 Central News (965138)

10.40-11.40 Videotech Special (850195)

2.35 God's Gift (2813428) 3.30 Late and Loud (3770206)

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12.45am Secret Lives: Billy Buttin (424916) 1.45-2.15 Natural Born Healers (29954)

CHANNEL 4

7.00mm The Sig Breakfast (84398) 9.00 Schools: History in Action (2834379) 9.20 Geographical Eye Over Britain (1) (2847843) 9.40 The Maths Programme (1) (7386398) 10.00 Middle English (1) (9565355) 10.15 Le Petit Monde de Pleme (2915076) 10.30 Scientific Eye (T) (2045805) 10.50 Film and Video Showcase (2065689) 11.10 The Spanish

Programme (1241992) 11.30 Powerhouse Political magazine (7089) 12.00 Sesame Street (59850) 12.30pm Light Lunch (33718) 1.30 Gardens without Borders (T) (84024176)

1.45 The October Man (1947, b/w) starring
John Mills. A psychological thriffer about
a man with suicidal tendencies who is
suspected of murder. Directed by Roy Baker (T) (74467008)

3.30 Collectors' Lot a Subbuteo collection and a feature on the life of graphic artist M.C. Escher (T) (805) 4.00 Fifneen-to-One (T) (540) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1481176) 4.55 Ricki Lake: People who claim to have been

abduced by eliens (T) (9221331) 5,30 Pet Rescue (T) (176) 6,00 Boy Meets World Files of passage comedy (T) (426599)

6.25 Fresh Pop (924350) 6.30 Hollvooks Teen soap (T) (669) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (189447) 7.50 Get Sorted The last in the series looks at laying a garden path (844195)



8.00 Natural Born Healers: Hypnotherapy Eric Hirach tums to his GP and Dr George Lewith as he struggles to find relief from the pain caused by irritable bowel

syndrome (1) (8737) 8.30 United Testes of America Dorinda Hatner samples New York's famous Jewish food (T) (7244)

9.00 Dispatches A look at the worth of the warranties issued by the National House Building Council (1) (259621) 9.45 Lloyds Bank Film Challenge: Hands

That Really Grip in praise of Action Man 10.00 Pommiles A look at British expets in Australia, made by Brian Hill of Sylvenia Waters fame (1)

(1/3) (2311553) 11.05 Babylon 5 Garibaldi leads a team to rescue Sheridan (T) (890973) 12.00 Dope Sheet Animation magazine

12.30am Bites of Britain A series of animated shorts on the theme of the experience of being British (25979409) 3,25 Photo Romans (r) (22331732)

3.40 Ez Streets Quinn continues to search for the truth (7107848) 4.30 The American Football Big Metch (r) (6848225)

5.55 Sesame Street (2284008)

CHANNEL 5

career on stage or screen, they must have meant performing in

something like Sexy Sam, The Windowcleaner Man.

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satelite, valsponder No 63 on the Astra Satelitie. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder with be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00 am 5 News Early (2250805) 7.30 Milkshake (4913447) 7.35 Kablami A

new animated series for children (6314398) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (5845763) 8.30 WideWorld A look at what is being done to prevent computer systems from going wrong (5/5) (6295224)

9.00 Espresso Consumer attains magazine (2295350) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8392602) 10.30 Instant Gardens (r) (2895468)

11.00 Leeza Award-winning American chat (94131756) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (2695260) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8144089) 1.00 5 News Update (40793535) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3926263) 2.00 5's Company.

Live entertainment show (8994331) 3.30 Stones for Ibarra (1988) starring Glenn Close and Kaith Carradine. A mede-for-television drama about a successful but

(Idension crams about a successful but distillusioned man who persuades his wife to leave San Francisco for his Mexican village roots, Directed by Jack Gould (8101973) 5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (13389350) 5.30 Whittle Game show (T) (3381911)

6.00 100 Per Cent (3388824) 6.30 Family Affairs (1) (3379176) 7.00 Exclusive Showbusiness news with guest presenter Sarah Cox (5960350) 7.30 Dwellers of the Deep; First Lady of

Ridgeway's expedition around the Cape in a seagoing cance (T) (3369060) 8.00 Was it Good for You? Three different Cyprus holidays in the resorts of Avia Napa; Limessol and Paphios (5966398)

Cape Horn Charting Rabecca



Michael Keaton opens his heart (9pm

9.00 My Life (1993) Michael Keston and Nicole Kidman lead in a drama about a man diagnosed with terminal cancer, who decides to make a video about himself for his unborn baby. Directed by Bruce Joel Rubin (9351621)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Cornedy and chat. The guests include Sinead O'Connor (4999805) 11.45 Live and Dangerous includes, at 1.50, a recent Brazilian National football league

game (75459535) 4.35em The Streets of San Francisco Police drame series starring Karl Malden (T) 5.30 100 Per Cent (2283515)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN !

6.00em Two of a Kind (1983) (2785) 57.50 Firet (1977) (99073795) 6.15 Derrger Route (1968) (10734263) 11.05 The Dolimator (1963) (37620) 3.00 Little Big League (1994) (56404) 6.00 Lest-Home Rum (1995) (48447) 7.00 Soci of the Castle (1995) (15262) 9.00 hims Microtha (1995) (24379) 11.00 Hebraham IV (1996) (1995) (24379) 11.00 Hebraham IV (1996) (1995) (24379) 11.00 Hebraham Combustical (1995) (24379) 11.0 (47114) 12.30am Spontaneous Combus-tion (1990) (153159) 2.10 Night Eyes Faur (1995) (472157) 3.60 Desparate for Love (1989) (63527732) SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

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(71804075) 12.25cm Someone to Which Over Me (1987) 8700439 2.15 Foreign Correspondent (1940) (2122041) 4.15 The Long Welk Home (1980) (9679461) TNT TNE

8.00pm Never Perget (1891) (8004582) 11.00 AE et Sen (1958) (84050840) 1.00em Walcome to Hard Temes (1967) (84018856 3.00 The Formula (1960) (31565683) 5.00 Close SKY SPORTS 1

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7.30mm Cross-Courtey Siding (8255) 8.00 Sendborsching (44244) 9.30 Sendurling (80534) 10.00 NASCAR (41821) 11.00 International Motorsport Megazone (61485) 12.00 Whoff Cupi Legards (50535) 1.00 part Hawell isorman (22873) 1.30 Adventure (33621) 2.00 Suring (3069) 2.30 In-Line Stating (2368) 3.00 X-Germes (7373) 4.00 Clympic Garmas Magazine (7350) 4.30 Nations Megazine (1753) 5.30 Vorid Cup Dream Team (7114) 6.00 Stating (5059) 7.90 X-Garmas (7575) 8.00 Aarctoles (52739) 9.00 US-A Cup (53263) 11.00 Saling (40843) 11.30 Dolomianman (30350) 12.30mm Glose UTK GOVLD

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Say the Word 12.30am Hart to Hed 1.30 The Big Valley 2.30 Big Brother Jake 3.00 Boogles Diner 3.30 Where I Live 4.00 Jaux Sans Frontiers 5.00 Schemshop

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THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

B.00pm Sightings (4199379) 9.00 Max Headroom (1057/350) 10.16 The Making of the Rides: Terminator 8 — 30 (729244) 10.45 The Making of After Resynetion (4271175) 11.00 Friday the 13th (2402379) 12.00 Sightings (6249022) 1.00mm The Fullight 20re (6290732) 1.00 Tests of the Unexpected (8277472) 2.00 Derk Shadows (1621554) 2.30 New Altred Hachcon (1640799) 3.00 Friday the 13th (7345003

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 7.00pm Wild haly (7902282) 7.30 Sourch-Tables 1941 (1942842) 7.30 Salery (1942842) 7.30 Salery (1942842) 8.00 Tigers of the Snow (3289008) 9.00 Return to Everest (3282331) 11.00 African Wildfie (4815253) 12.00 Wild Italy (3047409) 12.30am Searching for the ETs (8127670) 1.00 Close

TRAVEL (cable)

Holiday 1.90 On the Road to the Islands 2.00 Worldwide Guide 2.30 Floyd on Italy 3.00 Ocean World 3.30 Innocent Abroad 4.00 Real World 4.30 Aspects of Late 6.00 Gong Places 6.00 Parkey Adventures Across Europe 6.30 Dormnia's Planet 7.08 Travel June 8.00 Cines of the World 8.30 Travel Live 8.00 Cines of the World 8.30 People and Places of Africa 9.00 Swiss Railway Journeys 10.00 Pathfinders 10.30 Aspects of Life 11.00 Ridge Riders 11.30

4.00pm D-Day: The Total Story (714869) 5.00 Modern Marvels (2137350) 8.00 Ancient Mysteries: Dragons (4037422) 7.00 Biography Mats Han (2034027) 8.00 Close CARLTON FOOD (cable) 12.00pm Food Network Daily 12.30 French Lunch 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 Ideal Home Cooks 2.00 Mindula's Indian Kitchen 2.30 Food Network Daily 3.00 The Restau

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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Cheap Chic 3.00 Live at Three 4.05 Jerry
Springer 5.00 Robonda 6.50 Lucky Ledders
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Bray takes on world after British Open triumph

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Which aces have emerged from the card school?



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27 1997

England make five changes

Bentley wings back to face South Africa

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SHOWING a dash of the unexpected - which is, after all, what Clive Woodward seeks from his players — England announced a team yesterday whose four changes personnel include John Bentley. Thus Bentley, one of the folk heroes of the British Isles tour to South Africa last summer, will make his first home international appearance at Twickenham on Saturday against the Springboks.

A South Africa team, moreover, which includes James Small, with whom Bentley tangled during the Lions' game with Western Province in Cape Town last May. Accusations of eye-gouging were made, and denied, but there is no doubt that these two remain among the fierier wings in the international game, the main difference being that no-one has made more appearances for his country than Small, with 45, while Bentley is winning only his fourth cap after a long

career in rugby league. Bentley, who won his first two caps in 1988 in Dublin and Brisbane, takes the place of Adedayo Adebayo, the one player to be dropped from the XV that performed with credit during the 25-8 deleat against New Zealand at Old Trafford last Saturday. Danny Grewcock, the Saracens lock, takes the place of Martin Johnson, who is suspended. and wins his second cap; Matt Dawson, at scrum half, and Neil Back, a flanker, win selection because Kyran Bracken and Tony Diprose suffered shoulder injuries during a hectic England training sion on Tuesday afternoon. There may be a further change if Phil de Glanville fails to recover from an ankle ligament injury sustained during

If he is forced to withdraw,

the Bath centre's place will go to Nick Greenstock, of Wasps but, though change has been inflicted upon him to a marked extent, Woodward is not unhappy at bringing in fresh blood during England's gruelling series of four internationals on successive weekends. It was always the coach's intention to give Dawson an outing and he would have considered Tim Rodber for the back row had the Northampton captain not suffered concussion during an excellent display against the New Zealanders in Bristol on Tuesday.

M B Perry (Bain): J Berney (Newcaste), W J H Greenwood (Leicester), P R de Glarwille (Bath), D Rees (Sale); M J Cat (Bath), M J S Dawson (Northampton); J Loonard (Harlequins), R Coclearill (Leicester), D J Grewood (Saracens), G S Archer (Newcaste), L B N Dellegillo (Wasps, captein), N A Back (Leicester), R A Hill (Saracens) Replacements: P J Grayson (Northampton). A S Healey (Leicester), C M A Sheasby (Wasps), A N Other, G C

rousing display at Ashton Gate, but could remember little of the 18-11 defeat and must rest for the mandatory three weeks. So, the back row will feature Richard Hill, at No 8, with Back at open-side and Lawrence Dallaglio, the captain, at blind-side flanker, though it is possible that he may move to No 8 at scrums in certain parts of the field.

It is a back row with considerable pace, though Dawson will have to work hard to establish a good relationship with Hill, who has not played at No 8 for three seasons. Dawson, who has recently been resting an ankle injury, was probably the

unluckiest of players not to be selected for the game with Australia two weeks ago, losing out as much as anything to the Saracens combination of Diprose, Hill and Bracken. He also has the advantage

of having turned himself into a reputable goalkicker, while Paul Grayson, his club colleague, has been recovering from a pelvic injury. Kicking goals at Franklins Gardens is one thing, kicking them in front of 73,000 spectators at Twickenham is another. After Mike Catt's failure in that department at Old Trafford, Rodber led an English Rug-by Partnership XV in a England will name their front-line kicker today.

Adebayo must be regarded as unfortunate to lose his place to Bentley, whose inclusion means that David Rees will switch to the left wing, his preferred side. Bentley struggled, along with most of his team-mates when Emerging England lost 59-22 to the New Zealanders at Huddersfield. but was far more assertive at Ashton Gate.

He has had little first-team rugby with Newcastle of late, though, and this is what he craves. "I have had discussions with Newcastle about my future and that's between me and them," he said. "I need to play first-team football, wherever I am playing. Newcastle will put out their strongest XV for the Premiership game with Gloucester on December 14 and if I'm not in. then I'll have to go elsewhere.

"As far as James Small is concerned, I was disappointed with the incident in Cape Town [when Small accused him of gouging and refused to shake hands at the end of the game] but we shook hands on it later and the matter was closed. He's a fantastic player, but it may be easier to play against him than it was against Jonah Lomu."

The South Africa wing. hearing England's team selection, shrugged his shoulders: "I'm not concerned with who is playing against me," he said. "I just want to play well for South Africa."

ALEX FERGUSON, the

Manchester United manager,

was making an expansive gesture with the sweep of his left hand when it brushed

against one of the packed

army of tape recorders lying on the desk in front of him. It

fell against another and set off

a chain reaction of toppling

machines. "The dominoes are

going down," Ferguson said

If his Manchester United

team can knock one more

down tonight at Old Trafford

and add a second Champions'

League victory over Kosice to

the others they have recorded

over Feyenoord and Juventus,

they will be through to the

quarter-finals stage of the European Cup without need-

ing to gain even a point from

their last match of this phase

As Denis Irwin publicly forgave Paul Bosvelt for his

tackle in Rotterdam a fort-

night ago, so Ferguson exuded

the quiet confidence and bon-

analysing which ones might

provide a best runner-up. For

once, the United manager was

able to distance himself from

the desperate scuffling going

on among many of his rivals.

secure in the knowledge that

United hold their destiny in

The odd Bosvelt tackle and

Alessandro del Piero early

goal apart, the progress of

United in the competition this

year has been serene and

Ferguson took a degree of

delight in contemplating the

their own hands.

in Turin in a formight.

with a smile.



Adam Hollioake, England captain in Sharjah, is packed and raring to go

Lloyd sets out targets for busy schedule

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

having had "a suitable time at home, a chance to paint the garage door, as David Lloyd, their coach, observed terday, must now shelve omestic chores indefinitely. for the national team is about to embark on an intimidating 14-month programme containing virtually

On Monday, Lloyd takes a. 14-man party to Pakistan and Sharjah. After a Christmas recess, the principal winter tour to West Indies will run from January 3 until the 1998 domestic season is underway, Visits by South Africa and Sri Lanka during next summer: will be followed Ashes tour of Australia.

It is a demanding undertaking an itinerary that might have been designed to promote the early burnout of leading players. Lloyd is not blind to the perils but nor is he in awe of them. "We don't fear what is in front of us," he said, "but we are aware of

the questions to be asked. "We will probably need a good number of players hrough this period and we will need to plan carefully. I don't believe we are being asked to play too many Test matches, in fact I think the programme just keeps us ticking over. Our problem. which is well documented, concerns the domestic scene. To maintain our players at their peak, I hope the counties will keep playing ball them and keep them fresh."

This thinly veiled warning is a precursor of an inevitably recurring theme. Until England follow the lead of Australia and South Africa by centrally employing their senior players, the club and country conflict will never be satisfactorily resolved. Even glance at the impending that England players can no longer be expected to play a full part at domestic level.

The two months since the home season ended have been far from idle. Each member of England's tour parties has had an individual fitness programme and, in recent weeks, the squads

THE ENGLAND cricketers. have spent several days in million complex in which fast bowlers can take their full run-ups while wicketkeepers and slips stand back

"It is a facility which is as good as any in the world," Lloyd said after yesterday's have prepared as well as we can in an English winter and we are ready for the chal-lenges ahead. Our targets are well identified. In one-day cricket, all roads lead to the 1999 World Cup, while in Test cricket it is simply to

Lloyd flies out to Rawalindi today to assess the West Indies in the second Test against Pakistan. He will join his one-day party in

DETAILS

ENGLAND SOUAD (to Paid

Lahore next week for prac tice games prior to the four-It is a specialist limitedovers team, England having belatedly embraced the need

for a distinctly separate ap-

proach, and it has a new captain in Adam Hollioake. Michael Atherton was unavailable for this trip and speculation will continue over whether he will lead the team in the one-day section of the Caribbean tour, but neither man is keen to sound

"It is a massive honour for me and I can't wait to start," Hollicake said yesterday. "But I am only captain for this trip, nothing else. I have a lot of targets in the game and one of them is to prove I am good enough for the Test side. I don't want to be labelled as a one-day player. I think I have got more to offer than that."

TIMES TWO

ACROSS

- J One vowing chastity (8) 5 Complacent (4) 8 One -, the Iron Chancellor
- 9 Extent district (4) 11 Forward; over length of (5)
- 12 Dictionary; word list (7) 13 Earnestly enjoin (6)
- 15 Right of approach (6) 18 Level upland (7)
- [9 Insecure; some mountains
- 21 Boat track: funeral party (4)
- 22 (Trial) closed to public (2,6)
- 23 Skating arena (4)
- 24 Automatic (reaction) (4-4) SOLUTION TO NO 1261
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- DOWN Veg. a brassica (7)
 - Noosed rope (5) Scene of noisy chaos (4-6) Equipment; challenge for
- 6 Inexplicable wonder (7) 7 Fibre direction in wood (5) 10 Make (pain) more intense
- 14 Listen (archaic) (7) 16 Shelley's blithe Spirit (7) 17 Betray (to police): go to bed
- 18 Strength: authority (5) 20 Railway town; sounds like
- homie that are becoming a feature of these pre-Champiworkforce (5) ons' League press conferences. He perused each of the other five groups as he talked,

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Ferguson exudes confidence as



ordeals awaiting others of the European elite. Bayern Munich's trip to Besiktas last night caused him particular amusement. That could be another nice quiet night in Turkey, he said.

GROUP B



Of the other teams, he said he had been most impressed with the performances of Real Madrid. He felt sure that both United and Juventus would qualify for the quarter-finals from group B, although such is the turnaround in the fortunes of these two that a United win in the Stadio delle Alpi might end the interest of last year's beaten finalists in the competition.

Above all, Ferguson insisted that United would concentrate on their own game and try to play the high-tempo, pressing football that has left them as the only club in the competition with a 100 per cent record. So wrapped up in his own team was he, in fact, that at one point he started talking about "tomorrow night's game against Sparta Prague' So irrisistible have United

in recent matches.

though, that it hardly seems to matter who their opponents are. They have scored 23 goals in their past five games, the last being Saturday's 5-2 vic-tory over Wimbledon at Selhurst Park, a run that has taken them clear of all challengers in the FA Carling. Premiership. Ferguson reserved special

praise yesterday for Paul Scholes and the way that the red-haired midfield player and Nicky Butt have com-bined to fill the gap caused by the injury to Pau Keene the the injury to Roy Keane, the Ireland midfield man who Ferguson admitted yesterday might be back in football by the end of this season after surgery to repair cruciate ligament damage. Scholes, who will partner



Ferguson: analysis

Butt tonight, with Ronnie Johnsen likely to displace Gary Pallister in defence, has quickly become a pivotal part of one of the youngest sides in the competition, one that Fer-guson feels is now eminently equipped to win the trophy

that has become his obsess "Scholes is not fazed by anything," Ferguson said. "It does not matter to him what sort of game he is playing in. On Saturday, we started him off playing deep and his distribution was marvellous. When we moved him forward, he adapted straight away. He was easily our best player. Who will take any penalties tomorrow night? Scholes could take them, I suppose.

"The way this team is playing, they are that much better equipped to win the competition than last year. I have said all the way through that we must score in every game and we are doing that. Just think of the Dortmund game here last season. My players must have been kicking themselves that night. They must have been lying in their beds twisting in pain over what happened well, at least, I hope they were, because it served them right.

"Our game plan will stay the same, just the way we have been playing in the league. We will try to operate at a very quick tempo. It is the only way for us to go in this game. We will have to be aware of the counter-attack and of what Fenerbahçe last season, when we relaxed the pace. That will

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